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### Recycling plant plea by MP to company

AN MP who joined the campaign against plans to build a waste recycling plant in the Black Country pleaded with company bosses not to appeal after planning permission for the development was refused.

Chris Kelly MP, who represents Dudley South, welcomed the decision by Dudley Council's planning committee to reject the proposals for the plant on land off Moor Street, Brierley Hill.

Clean Power Properties, the firm behind the plans, has said it is considering an appeal. But Mr Kelly said he would be writing to managers to request they 'respect the wishes' of residents in the town. More than 350 people had signed a petition against the plans and ward councillors had also opposed the application.

At a meeting on Monday councillors refused the application on the grounds that the facility would disrupt people living nearby. The decision was made despite the Environment Agency not objecting against the plant in favour of stringent conditions.

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### Kick-off for starry hope

DUDLEY five-a-side footballers could get the chance to play against a side of soccer and radio legends in a national competition called the Men United Cup.

Goals Dudley is hosting a round of the tournament at its centre in the town's Cakemore Road on September 29 from 7pm, to raise money and awareness for Prostate Cancer UK.

And the overall national winners will get the chance to play against a team made up of the station's presenters, including Colin Murray, Johnny Vaughan and Stan Collymore.

Teams can be entered by contacting Goals Dudley on 0121 561 3000 or at [www.goalsfootball.co.uk](http://www.goalsfootball.co.uk)

# HUMAN 'FIREBALL' ATTACK MAN JAILED

by Adam Burling

A MAN from Dudley who poured petrol on his ex-girlfriend before setting her alight and turning her into a human 'fireball' has been jailed for 19 years.

Damion Sheldon, of Russells Hall Road, went to Louise Pilkington's Rowley Regis home and poured petrol through her letterbox, before dousing her in it when she came to the door to see what was going on, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Witnesses had described seeing her burn 'like a fireball' after she was set alight on December 2.

A young child was rescued from inside the property and had to be resuscitated, while another child escaped unharmed.

The jury took three-and-a-half hours to find him guilty of attempted murder following a trial in July.

Sheldon had told the jury he had gone to Miss Pilkington's home with the intention of killing himself in front of her after struggling to get over the breakdown of their relationship.

### Messages

Sentencing him Judge John Warner said: "It was pure chance that this did not end up as a catastrophe with a woman and two children dead. If you intended to kill yourself you obviously thought the better of it as you went on to set fire to the house and then made off."

The trial had been told how 42-year-old Sheldon had sent Miss Pilkington four text messages in the 24 hours before he went to her house in Haden Walk as he tried to get her to speak to him.

After celebrating his birthday on December 1 by drinking nearly three litres of cider, vodka and a few pints of lager, he had taken the petrol can and a claw



Victim - Louise Pilkington

hammer to Miss Pilkington's home just after midnight. Neighbours described seeing Miss Pilkington run onto her neighbour's front lawn, take off her night clothes and roll on the grass in a desperate effort to douse the flames.

Sheldon had denied attempted murder and said he remembered little about events that night but had gone to her house to kill himself, not her.

He had pleaded guilty to arson being reckless as to whether the life of the child was endangered. He was jailed for 15 years for the attempted murder and four years for the arson charge.

Miss Pilkington suffered burns to 15 to 16 per cent of her body, needing skin grafts and causing scarring on her arms.

## Families barge in for free trips



Chris Leach with, from left, Layla Marklew, Freya Brown, Lyndon Wood, all aged four, Edward McGee, six, and Harrison Marklew, two, at the canal side for the Black Country fun day event which was held at the weekend

FAMILIES saw the Black Country by water as they jumped aboard a narrowboat during a fun day this weekend.

Almost 200 people took trips along the Dudley No2 Canal as part of an event organised to showcase the region's waterways.

The event had been organised in conjunction with Coombswood Canal Trust and charity Groundwork West Midlands.

The community project organisation has helped waterways enthusiasts clean up towpaths to make them more appealing to visitors.

Volunteers have been busy tidying the canal, which runs from Tipton, through Dudley, Netherton and Halesowen. It has been targeted by vandals and flytippers over the years. Yobs have also sprayed graffiti over signs along the canal dedicated to the workers of manufacturers Noah Hingley and Sons, who built the Titanic anchor.

But as part of the improvements Cradley Heath-based artist Luke Perry was commissioned to install 24 pieces of artwork along the canal towpaths that depicted local features and reflected the rich industrial heritage of the area. Volunteers have also been

working with Dudley Canal Trust which is planning a £3 million investment in a new education centre in the town.

Saturday's trips on a 70ft long narrowboat called Electra started at Chancel Way in Halesowen including taking in the Hawne basin and Gorsty Hill tunnel.

Groundwork project manager Chris Leach said: "It has been a great family day out. Many people have said to us 'I never knew this was down here', and that's what it has all been about."

There was also a host of other family activities including a visit by an animal experience company and face painting.

## Mayor to open new £50k wing for centre

A DUDLEY watersports centre will make a splash as it opens its new £50,000 wing and celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, will officially launch the wing, paid for with a grant from the National Lottery's Sport England Facilities Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Fund, on Saturday.

The centre, at Lodge Farm Reservoir in Netherton, will offer free sailing, triathlon and swimming and reduced rate water skiing and wakeboarding over the whole weekend.

The lottery grant has created new changing rooms, including provision for people with disabilities, a new training room and a sports teaching facility.

Visitors can have a go at water skiing and wakeboarding, with tuition followed by a session on the water for £7 a head. Places need to be booked by calling Karen Patchett on 07595 355 291 or emailing [karenp116@aol.com](mailto:karenp116@aol.com)

For £3.50 a head, people can ride on a ringo - a round rubber ring with handles, seating up to two, which is towed along by a boat.

There will be motor boat trips for £1.50 a person, while visitors can try sailing with an instructor free of charge and qualified divers can enjoy a free dive.

## Westfield in profits loss

THE owners of the Merry Hill Shopping Centre saw a fall in profits in the first half of the year, it has been announced.

The net profits of the Westfield Group were down by 36 per cent to £332 million as sales of less profitable malls reduced overall revenue.

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## Appeal on gold watch robbery



The stolen watch

POLICE hunting three masked men who pinned a woman to her bed during a 'brutal' robbery at her home have released an image of a watch which belonged to her dead husband that was stolen during the raid.

The 52-year-old widow was targeted at her home in Fox Street, Woodsetton, on Thursday night.

Her screams eventually forced the gang to flee but they took two watches, one of which belonged to the woman's husband who died seven years ago.

Dc Darren Brown said: "This was an extremely brutal attack on a defenceless woman. The watch is of extreme sentimental value, as it was bought for the lady's husband's 40th birthday, who sadly died five years later."

"The watch, a gold Swiss Ebel with a cream face, is very distinctive as it has been made smaller to fit a woman's wrist. The family are desperate to recover it." Anyone with information can contact police on 101.

## Women are urged to get laced up in time for race

WOMEN are being urged to lace up their trainers ready to take part in the latest Race for Life fundraising race to be held in the Midlands.

Cancer Research UK is hosting its Race for Life Twilight in the grounds of Himley Hall on October 18 starting at 7pm.

The 5k race will follow a course taking in the picturesque location of the 18th century manor house including the gardens designed by Capability Brown.

To enter Race for Life Twilight visit [www.raceforlife.org/twilight](http://www.raceforlife.org/twilight) or call 0845 600 6050.

## Jail for men after police found a gun

TWO men who had a pump action shotgun in their car in Dudley town centre were jailed for five years.

Police went to investigate the blue Ford Mondeo in Bull Street on February 1 because there was a strong smell of cannabis, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

As they got closer to the vehicle, passenger Imran Ahmed, of Victoria Road, Tipton, ran away, while the driver Mohammed Rahman remained at the wheel. Mr Christopher Gibbons, prosecuting, said officers noted the 'alarmed and panicky demeanour' of Rahman, of Tudor Road, Tipton, before they saw the firearm.

Rahman, aged 31, was arrested and a firearms expert was then called. After officers found a tracksuit top belonging to 33-year-old Ahmed near the Earl of Dudley pub, he was found and arrested.

Ahmed had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to the possession of a prohibited weapon. Rahman admitted the same charge.

## Club tees up for donation

FORTY golfers teed off in a charity golf day which raised more than £900 to help fund an advice centre in Stourbridge.

The event, held at the Little Lakes Golf Club in Bewdley, was organised by What? Centre counsellor Steve Woodall.

Steve, who is also a keen golfer, managed to attract competitors from as far away as London to compete for the trophy.

Julie Duffy, chief officer of the What? centre said she was 'absolutely delighted' with the effort Steve had made and thanked him for his commitment to raising funds for the work of the centre.

The event, on August 17, was won by Carl Cashmore, with Tony Beard as runner-up.

## Parade service details released

DETAILS have been announced for the annual Battle of Britain commemorations in Stourbridge.

The members of the Stourbridge branch of the Royal Air Forces Association will hold the annual Parade Service on September 15 at 11am in Mary Stevens Park, off Heath Lane.

All are welcome including with anyone with links to the RAF to come along.

## New appeal is launched to find missing Natalie

by Louise Jew

FRIENDS and family of a teenage girl who vanished when she left her Dudley home to go to the shops have launched a fresh appeal to find her – 10 years since she was last seen.

Natalie Putt, of Thornleigh, Lower Gornal, Dudley, was 17 when she disappeared on September 1, 2003. She never returned, despite having a three-month-old baby son, named Rhys, at home.

Now, a decade later, friends and relatives have renewed their appeals to find Natalie – blitting social networking websites with appeals for help, including tweets to stars such as Ant and Dec, Lord Sugar, ex-Spice Girl Emma Bunton, Jonathan Ross and Boy George.

Natalie's half sister, 36-year-old Rebecca Coggins, said: "We've got to believe there is still some hope that she's out there somewhere and it would be nice to think she's made her own little life and is happy."

"But we need to know – that's the agony. We don't think she would have gone off and left her baby – there's got to be more to it than meets the eye."

## Equipment

"But we have to face the possibility there was something made her leave that day. Natalie going missing has been a journey that you wouldn't wish on anybody."

In March police hunting for Natalie started digging up land in a paddock, where she is believed to have once kept two horses, next to Himley Lodge on the A449 Stourbridge Road in Himley.

Hydraulic equipment was used to cut through the concrete floor of a brick outbuilding but police called off the search after finding nothing nearly three days later.

The following month, police revealed that the case of missing Natalie was one of six 'cold' cases about which they were appealing to the public for help in solving – the other five cases were murders.

Rebecca said friends had been busy tweeting a 'missing' poster about Natalie since yesterday and a fresh plea was posted on a Facebook page set up to try to find her.

"I haven't got a clue about Twitter but they have and they're contacting everybody they can think of, even celebrities who don't know her, to retweet the appeal in the hope that it will bring some news," she added.

"I'll be catching up with them later about what response they may have had."

"We will keep the campaign up and running



One of the last photographs taken of Natalie and baby Rhys

and will never give up - while there's hope we will keep going."

TV presenters Holly Willoughby, Kirstie Allsop, Kate Thornton and Jake Humphrey and actress Amanda Holden are among the celebrities invited to retweet the appeal.

Natalie's son, Rhys, is now aged 10 and living with his father, the missing girl's boyfriend Kevin McCallum.

In March 2009, Natalie was featured on a missing person programme, which sparked reported sightings of her in Tipton, Cardiff, Bournemouth and Scotland dating back to 2005. But, despite police investigations into the sightings, they drew a blank.

West Midlands Police spokesman Brig Ford



An image released of how Natalie might look today, aged 24



The teenager in school uniform

said today: "The case is still open and if any credible information comes in we will act upon it, as we did in March, when we brought in special equipment to search the land in Himley."

Sheena Hamilton, who used to own Himley Lodge and now lives next door in Himley Park, said today: "I feel desperately sorry for the family and just hope their new appeal brings some answers – I'm certain that somebody must know something about what has happened to Natalie."

"She was a lovely girl and was only a kid – but she loved her baby and I don't believe there's any way she would have just left him."

Anyone with information that might help to find Natalie is urged to phone police on 101.

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## Flood of names in running for award

MORE than 100 athletes, trainers and clubs have been nominated for this year's Black Country Sport & Physical Activity awards. And there is still time for people to get their nominations in.

Black Country BeActive, which organises the event, says in total 120 nominations have been submitted for the awards which take place on November 8 at the Copthorne Hotel in Dudley.

The closing date is September 13. Simon Hall, partnership director at the Brierley Hill based Black Country BeActive said: "It has been a busy few weeks for the awards and we have been inundated with requests for nomination forms."

Black Country BeActive has also secured the University of Wolverhampton as a supporter for the event.

Last year Wolverhampton's Olympic gymnastic sensation Kristian Thomas was a double-award winner.

For those looking to nominate someone for this year's awards each category has a separate nomination form which can be found at [www.blackcountrybeactive.co.uk](http://www.blackcountrybeactive.co.uk).

All nominees must either, have been born, live in, or undertake their activity in the Black Country.

The qualification period is September 10, 2012 to September 9, 2013 unless otherwise specified. For details people can contact Jo Taylor on 01384 471139.

## Children in station visit

YOUNGSTERS from a summer club joined their teachers to experience life behind bars at a Black Country police station.

Officers opened the cell blocks to the pupils of Queen Victoria Primary School in Sedgley to talk about why arrests are made and how the person is dealt with when in custody.

Bosses hope the event will help improve relations with police and act as a deterrent to prevent children from getting involved with crime.

Sgt Richard Cruickshank, from the Sedgley and Gornal Neighbourhood Team, said: "We wanted to do something that would strike a real chord with the young children in the area. The children seemed to have had a very good day and the feedback is very encouraging."

# In the saddle to raise cash for Acorns Hospice



Acorns dad Andrew Gibney with his son Charlie and pal Darren Warner after completing the 40-mile challenge

THE ride may have 'tyred' them out but the 200 cyclists who took part in the Acorns Severn Valley Cycle Challenge were left feeling geared up after a sunny day of cycling to raise funds for the local children's hospice.

The event was attended by parents Claire and Brett Groom, from Kingswinford, whose daughter Isla was cared for by the hospice before she passed away last year from the rare genetic condition, Edwards Syndrome. The couple started some of the races and cheered on participants with their two other daughters Sian and Niamh.

Cyclists rode one of three different courses to match their ability, with 10, 20

and 40 mile routes all winding through stunning Severn Valley countryside before finishing in picturesque Bewdley.

After the race, participants relaxed with a scenic journey back to their starting points on the famous Severn Valley Steam Railway. Among those who displayed their pedal power in the cycle challenge were Walsall-based 28-year-old dad, Andrew Gibney, and his friend 37-year-old Darren Warner from West Bromwich. The pair completed the 40 mile challenge.

Andrew said: "I'm ready to sleep for a week... it was a lot harder than I thought it would be especially as I only spent a couple of weeks training. But I did it for

my son Charlie who goes to the hospice because he has a form of severe epilepsy which is life limiting.

I'm so thankful to Acorns as they provide such amazing care and support for Charlie and our family."

For those eager for more fun challenges, there are plenty of events left on Acorns' fundraising calendar to consider. Supporters can run for the charity in the Bupa Great Birmingham Run on October 20 or walk the 12km Lantern Walk, in Walsall on October 12.

To find out more about the work of Acorns and how to help raise vital funds call Acorns on: 0845 120 6892 or visit: [www.acorns.org.uk](http://www.acorns.org.uk)

# Pair found injured lying in the street at village

A MAN and woman were discovered lying injured on a Kinver street in the early hours, following a night out.

Police say the pair were found in Enville Road in Kinver just after 1am on Sunday. Residents say it is believed they were attacked on their way home.

Officers took the man, in his 40s, to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham where his condition was described as serious, although at the time of going to press, he was stable.

The woman, who is also in her 40s, was discovered a short distance away with head injuries and she was taken to Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, she was released on Monday morning. Officers say the pair are both believed to be from the local area.

Local policing commander Inspector Jeff Knight said "We have police working within the local area on highly visible patrol to speak to members of the community and they are keen to speak to local residents about any information they might have which could help us identify what happened."

A resident who didn't want to be named claimed the couple had been attacked after a night out.

However, police now say that there was no evidence to suggest that an assault had

by Charlotte Lilley

taken place. They are appealing for anyone with information to get in touch via 101.

Last month residents launched a committee following increased concerns over thefts and anti-social behaviour in the village after the closure of its police station.

Officers have not been based full-time at Kinver police station for more than 12 months - instead travelling from up to 20 miles away for emergencies.

Neighbourhood police still hold regular community advice surgeries and meetings in Kinver Library, but residents and parish councillors say they have become increasingly worried about the lack of a visible police presence in the village.

A meeting is due to be held later this month for residents to voice their concerns and speak with Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis.

## Family roped in to win host of offers



Caroline Painter looks on as Eve, David, Jesse and Jude Painter try out the ropes course at Quest at Merry Hill

A FAMILY is celebrating after being chosen from 210 applicants for a VIP

David and Caroline Painter and their three children Jude, aged nine, Eve, eight and Jesse, five, will advise bosses on how to make the centre more fun for families.

And as their 'salary', the family from Wombourne will receive a host of goodies throughout the year including a £300 gift card, a meal out every season, unlimited access to attractions such as the cinema and Quest, Krispy

Kreme doughnuts on their birthdays and a family VIP parking space. The family had impressed managers with their application, which saw them write 150 words on why they would be perfect for the role.

Mrs Painter, 39, who works at Compton Hospice, in Wolverhampton said: "We heard about the competition and thought we would give it a go."

She added: "We're absolutely thrilled to have been appointed - we know the competition was fierce and with the fantastic salary we're not surprised.

We can't wait to get started." Their jobs could range from choosing children's characters to visit the centre or deciding who should switch on the Christmas lights.

Kelly Reed, senior marketing manager at Merry Hill, said: "We were very impressed by their emphasis on the importance of family time. With our popular parent group Mummy Mornings, fantastic parent rooms, kids' facilities and brilliant calendar of family events we're constantly looking to improve the family experience."

## £5,000 prize is won

SOCIAL enterprises have competed for a £5,000 award, as part of a scheme run by Dudley Council. The money, won by Universal Support CIC, has been funded through the community enterprise fund.

Alongside the award winner, nine competing social enterprises took part in the challenge and will now be offered a package of support such as one-to-one business mentoring. Universal Support, which works with various groups of vulnerable people, was chosen for its innovative quality and the clear community benefit it provides. It offers pottery painting, which is then sold into the local community.

## NEWS in brief

### Estate all set for litter event

A COMMUNITY litter pick is due to take place on a Dudley housing estate. The Ellowes Hall and area Tenants and Residents Association is organising the event for September 21.

The group is appealing for volunteers to meet members at Ellowes Hall School, Stickley Lane, Lower Gornal at 9.30am. The litter pick will take place until 1pm and the association is asking anyone who has some time to spare to join in. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for housing, said: "It is excellent to see the Ellowes Hall and area TRA arranging this litter pick on the estate. This litter pick will help make the area a cleaner and safer place for all residents."

Bags, high visibility jackets and gloves will be provided. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

### Speed campaign launch for village

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to put the brakes on drivers speeding near homes in a Black Country village.

Calls have been made for improved measures along Cotwall End Road, in Lower Gornal, near to its junction with Grafton Gardens.

Councillor Tim Wright said he had received a number of complaints about speeding motorists from concerned residents.

He is now petitioning the council for a speed advisory sign along the route urging drivers to slow down. Councillor Wright said: "The problems are taking place in a mainly residential part of Cotwall End Road and residents are very concerned."

### Rock festival for fossil fans at hall

THE popular Rock and Fossil Festival returns to Dudley on September 28 and 29, at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery and Dudley Town Hall.

The council-run festival is the largest fossil event in the Midlands and features stalls selling rocks, fossils, minerals gems and jewellery alongside a fascinating series of talks and activities for families.

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WE WILL not go to war. Parliament stood up to the Government. The anger, suspicion and fears of the British people were brilliantly expressed by our elected members in some fine speeches and the Prime Minister wisely backed down. This is how the House of Commons is supposed to work, but rarely does. Thursday night's vote was like a cruise missile. No-one saw it coming.

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AFTER the enormous and enduring cock-ups of Iraq and Afghanistan, we should have learned enough by now to leave Syria well alone. Syria is not some clapped-out house of cards like Saddam's Iraq or Gaddafi's Libya. Syria has an army which is still fiercely loyal to President Assad. It is three times as big as the British Army and is equipped with some extremely deadly Russian hardware. Syria has allies including Hizbollah and Iran who may soon have the technology to lob chemical warheads into Europe. Above all, the lesson of history in the Middle East is that when dictators fall, chaos follows and the last thing the locals ever feel is one iota of gratitude towards the West.

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TONY Blair is in favour of military intervention. He has clearly learned nothing.

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FOLLOWING my invitation to re-write classic lines in modern terms, a reader re-drafts the opening sentence of *Pride and Prejudice*: "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a large fortune must be in need of a civil partner of either, or both sexual inclinations and be perfectly entitled to marry if they so desire".

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INCIDENTALLY, it is possible to buy versions of *Pride and Prejudice* in simplified modern English. Like, everybody knows that a dude wiv she'd loads of money needs a missus, innit?

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OKAY, call me small-minded. Call me a Little Englander. You may even be excused for hissing "racist!" But I bet I wasn't the only Brit whose hackles rose as Beth West explained the alleged benefits of the HS2 high-speed train on Radio 4 this week. She challenged British industry to "step up" and ensure this £30 billion (£42 billion? £70 billion? £100 billion?) white elephant is constructed. West is commercial director of HS2 Ltd but started her career with the US Government on Capitol Hill before becoming a New York banker. In barely 100 years, from the extermination of the buffalo, to the dustbowl of the mid-West and the ruins of bankrupt Detroit, the Yanks have made a right mess of their own country. Somehow, I rather resent being told by anyone with an American accent that I must accept the despoiling of my green, well-tended and still rather pleasant little land by a screaming 250mph behemoth that none of my English friends actually wants.

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WE HAVE just received our newsletter from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. I can't help reflecting that when we joined, back in the 1980s, it had very few members but there were an awful lot of hedgehogs. Today the society has 12,000 members but there are very few hedgehogs. Curious.

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I INVITED you to re-write great texts from history in modern terms. One reader offers this, from Winston Churchill: "I have nothing to offer but circulatory fluid, a rosy glow, the gentle application of elbow grease and blubbery and whimpering."

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NEARLY 25,000 students applied for courses at the University of Liberia and it was reported this week that every single one had failed the admission test. A spokesman for the African university said the youngsters "lacked enthusiasm and did not have a basic grasp of English." They could always try media studies in England.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Wife found football coach hanged



Coach Darren Owen

A YOUTH team football coach who was hailed for his work with youngsters was found hanged by his wife at their home, an inquest heard.

Father-of-two Darren Owen, who managed Stourbridge Football Club Under-11s, had recently been promoted to the role of senior operations manager with BT, the hearing in Walsall was told.

His wife of nine years, Rebecca Owen, said that her 36-year-old husband had become worried about work in the months leading up to his death on December 8. She said she had rushed home from work after receiving a call from him saying: "I love you but I can't do

this anymore." Mr Owen, who also leaves behind his two sons, Luke and Joe, was found hanged from the loft space at their home in Thoresby Croft, Dudley. Speaking about her husband during the inquest, Mrs Owen said he was a 'confident' and 'intelligent' person.

She said he was committed to his job with BT and had progressed from apprentice to senior operation manager in 15 years. Mrs Owen added: "In the last six months prior to his death he did worry and he did question himself."

She said he had become concerned about what was expected of him in his new role after the recent promotion. Mrs

Owen said he started working from home a lot and felt he 'did not know which way to turn' to get support.

Jenny Davies, general manager at Openreach - part of the BT group - had given Mr Owen the promotion. She said she had been 'extremely impressed' by him and thought he had been fitting into the role very well.

Delivering the conclusion Mr Owen killed himself, Senior Coroner Robin Balmain said: "There were clearly no suspicious circumstances." He said Mr Owen had a busy job but it was not possible to say whether any stress caused by the new role had caused him to take his life.

## Officers seize 20,000 smuggled cigarettes

by Heather Large

**MORE than 20,000 smuggled cigarettes and 170 bottles of illegal alcohol have been seized by trading standards officers in Dudley during the past year.**

The haul recovered by the team at Dudley Council following a series of raids on premises across the borough is worth thousands of pounds.

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The figures were released as part of an annual report into the joint work between trading standards and police.

They also reveal that officers also carried out 240 covert test purchases at shops to see if owners were selling to underage drinkers and smokers.

A total of 15 fixed penalty notices and 12 reviews of the licence at premises were handed out for the illegal sale of alcohol.

They also handed out information and signs promoting the legal age for buying alcohol and cigarettes and advice to traders regarding the law.

## Importance

Cabinet member for environment and culture, Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "We have had a hugely successful year in cracking down on the sale of alcohol and cigarettes to under age people."

"We advise owners about the importance of obeying the law and take action against those who ignore it. This work sends out a clear message that we will help traders understand the legal requirements, but clamp down on those who break the law."

The work has been partly funded by the council's office of public health.

It is part of a drive to tackle underage smoking and drinking.

Councillor Stuart Turner, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "This goes a long way to tackling smoking in the borough by stopping the sale of cigarettes to young people who later become addicted."

"I look forward to more success from trading standards in helping protect the health and well being of the borough."

Trading standards carry out more than 600 visits to retailers across the borough.



Trading standards officer Chris King with the haul of alcohol and cigarettes seized by the council

## Sight charity tennis sessions

A CHARITY which helps blind and partially-sighted people across Dudley borough has launched its own tennis sessions.

The monthly classes are being run by the Pocklington Trust Resource and Information Centre, based in Stourbridge.

The sessions are free and take place at the David Lloyd Leisure Centre, in Pensnett, Brierley Hill.

Participants use a larger ball which contains metal bearings and are allowed a certain number of bounces depending on their level of sight loss.

Resource centre support worker David Raybould said he had been delighted at the uptake so

far but was keen to encourage as many people as possible to take part. "We use badminton courts with the nets dropped down and give people junior rackets to play with," he said.

"It has proved so popular we are currently booking four courts at a time."

The resource centre, based at the Mary Stevens Centre, in Hagley Road, Oldswinford, is part of the Thomas Pocklington Trust, a charity which aims to improve the quality of life of people with sight loss.

Call David at the resource centre on 01384 898982 or email david.raybould@pocklington-trust.org.uk for more details.

## Raider hid under bed to escape pursuers

A DRUNK burglar was caught red-handed when he was discovered hiding under a bed belonging to a pensioner who was away on holiday.

Matthew Harding said he entered the house in Envile Street, Stourbridge, believing it was derelict.

Harding, aged 25 and of no fixed address, had been involved in a fight and was trying to hide, but the judge at Wolverhampton Crown Court sentenced him to 26 weeks in prison.

He was found with cigarettes, mobile phones and torches while hiding under the bed, although it was in doubt as to what property actually belonged to the 66-year-old male occupier.

Prosecutor Alka Brigue told the court that an alarm went off and the police were notified. "When the property was searched they heard a noise upstairs and the defendant was discovered hiding under the bed."

"It was clear to police he was intoxicated at the time."

The burglar took place on March 30 and Harding took the case to trial at Dudley Magistrates Court after pleading not guilty.

Defending her client, Kate Thomas told the court that Harding - a qualified gas fitter - had a drug problem. She added: "He's adamant he intends to change his ways."

## Scout group gets ale ready

A SEDGLEY scout group is to hold its first ever beer festival. The First Sedgley group holds the event in its headquarters, Jubilee Hall in Ladies Walk on September 27 and 28.

There will be 20 real ales on offer at the festival which is being held to raise money for group funds and for the BBC's Children in Need Appeal. The festival will run on the Friday from 7pm to 11pm and on the Saturday from noon through to 11pm.

## Keen Civil talk

TEACHER Max Keen will dress up in character to speak to Stourbridge Historical Society about the English Civil War in Worcester-shire. The society hosts his talk at the Amblesote Room in Stourbridge Town Hall on September 19 at 7.30pm. For details call David Hickman on 01384 274014.

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## Presenter in guide to waterways

**BLACK** Country-born writer and radio presenter Graham Fisher has launched a new online guide to the region's waterways and the role they played serving heavy industry.

The internet guide called The Crystal Canal is designed as a self-guided walk along the Stourbridge Canal.

It is the latest in The Royal Geographical Society's Discovering Britain series and examines the myriad of glass works and other industries from the perspective of the canal that runs right through it. Based on Mr Fisher's 2010 book *Jewels on the Cut*, the guide is available as a free audio or PDF download.

The PDF can be printed off as a hard copy and the author has also provided a voice soundtrack so that can be used as an audio guide. Visit [www.discoveringbritain.org/walks/region/west-midlands/stourbridge-canal.html#tabbox](http://www.discoveringbritain.org/walks/region/west-midlands/stourbridge-canal.html#tabbox) for details.

## Shortlist for health group

THE organisation that organises healthcare for Dudley people has been shortlisted for a national award for helping patients to manage their long-term health problems.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group's Community Neurology and Disability Team is among the finalists in the 2013 Health Service Journal awards.

The winners, to be judged by 85 senior and influential figures in the health sector, will be announced on November 19 at the Grosvenor House Hotel.

## Charity invite to walkies up hills

DOG owners are invited to go 'walkies' over the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, in aid of charity. The walk will start at Nimmings car park at 10am on September 29.

There will be a £6 donation fee for dog walkers. Further information is available from the organiser, Sue Williams, on 01562 883834, ahead of the event.

## Chairman goes

**COUNCILLOR** Jackie Granger, chairman of the Wombourne Best Kept Village team, is to stand down as committee chairman.

# Ian to bare his soul about problems growing up



Ian Thomas will tell his story

A MAN from Dudley will bare his soul to an international audience in Japan, telling the moving story of his life with over 30 foster families and his battle to beat drug addiction and feelings of rejection.

Ian Thomas, aged 27, spent seven years in foster care and is ready to speak about his experience to a conference called 'Let's Move Forward Hand in Hand for the Children' in Osaka from September 13 to 16.

Ian, now working for the Core Assets care organisation, will talk about his time as a troubled youngster, coping with fear and feelings of low self-esteem. He plans to write a book about his experiences, and said: "I was 10 when I went into care in the south of England because my parents couldn't look after me. I found school very difficult. I was dyslexic, and was

quite angry and felt let down. Sometimes my way of showing I was hurting was by negative behaviour." He went on to live with more than 30 foster families in the south of England.

And he credits his last foster mother, a woman living in the Isle of Wight recruited by Core Assets, with turning him around by offering him a 'nurturing' home.

### Confidence

He added: "It is thanks to the support networks around me - my brilliant foster mother, Jane, who stuck with me during my first two years in care with Core Assets, and the encouragement from staff - that has enabled me to turn my life around. I am grateful to those who believed in me, helping me to regain my confidence and to talk openly about my life."

His speech to the International Fostering Care Organisation conference will recount his journey, including his struggle to overcome drug addiction, poor education and lack of school attendance, to leading professionals in child welfare from across the world.

After a year of travelling across Canada, Australia the Far and Middle East, he has now landed a job as a project officer with Core Assets. Core assets has 60 offices across the UK, as well as 20 overseas bases.

It estimates there is a 9,000 shortage of foster carers in this country, and is trying to attract more people with the patience, understanding and determination to look after children. Anyone interested in fostering should visit [www.coreassetsfostering.com](http://www.coreassetsfostering.com), phone 0800 023 4561 or join Core Assets on Facebook.

# Recycling yard worker died after lorry rolled into him

by Alex Ross

A MAN was crushed to death when a lorry rolled into him and trapped him against a trailer at a recycling yard - after it was thought he left the vehicle's handbrake off while fixing a battery, an inquest heard.

Mark Shore, aged 42, is believed to have taken off the brake before plugging in and using a battery booster to start the engine at a yard owned by his employer R Davies Metals.

## Pair crawled into house via dog flap

TWO burglars crawled into a house through a dog flap and stole hundreds of pounds of electrical items before making off in the family's £10,000 car, a court heard.

Simon Brookes, aged 21, clambered into the property in Pemberton Road, Coseley, through a hole measuring less than 1ft wide along with Joshua Owen, 20, while a mother and her two young children slept upstairs on June 2 at around 3am.

They took a laptop, camera and mobile phone containing photos of the children, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard, and then drove away in the car using keys found in the house.

Brookes, of Tame Street, Bilston, had been released from custody for a previous offence just days earlier.

Judge Parker sentenced Brookes, who admitted burglary, to 21 months. Owen, of Old Fallings Crescent, Low Hill, who also admitted burglary had his case adjourned for a pre-sentence report.

## Council fun for all the family on way



Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, in the Dudley Council House ante chamber ready to welcome visitors

FUN for the whole family is being promised when Dudley Council uncovers some of its hidden treasures during a Heritage Open Day.

Children will be able to take part in a Mayoral Trail and enjoy quizzes and colouring activities on September 14 when the council hosts the event.

Visitors will have the opportunity to find out more about the Council House and take a peek behind the scenes at rooms including the main council chamber and the Mayor's Parlour. The national day is organised by English

by Heather Large

Heritage and as part of the event, Dudley Council has organised funded events for the family.

The Council House on Priory Road, Dudley, will be open from 11am to 3pm.

There will be guided tours of the council chamber, including a talk about how the council works and the insignia at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm when people can also see the mayoral badge, chain and mace.

There will also be photographs of Dudley town centre over the years on display and visitors can also join the Deputy Mayor and consort for tea in the Mayor's Parlour. There will also be performances from the Black Country Ukulele Players.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch said: "While the exhibitions and tours are fascinating and interesting for adults we'll also be putting plenty on for the children to enjoy. For details on the open day go to [www.discoverdudley.org.uk](http://www.discoverdudley.org.uk) and select 'events'.

## NEWS

### in brief

## 20,000 cigarettes netted by officers

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## Artists are urged to join in project

A COUNCILLOR from Cradley Heath is calling on budding artists to get involved with a new arts project in the area.

John Tipper is working with artist Fran Wilde on the Creative Cradley Heath project to combine the work of art-ists, writers and musicians.

The group has already won the support of various art groups including the Oaks Project in Cradley that provides art services to adults with learning disabilities. Email [john.tipper@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:john.tipper@sandwell.gov.uk) for details.

## Asda competition winners chosen

CONGRATULATIONS to five Chronicle readers who won George vouchers in the latest competition for Asda at Brierley Hill.

The first name out of the hat was E Bouckley, of Horace Street, Hurst Hill Coseley, who wins a £100 voucher.

The next four, who each win £50 vouchers were: Sue Abbotts of Limes View, Dudley; L Manning, of White Oak Drive, Kingswinford; H Gutteridge of Gorge Road, Sedgley; L Smith of Berkswell Close, Dudley.

## Jobseeker claims fall backed by MP

A BLACK Country MP has welcomed new statistics that show the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance has fallen.

The new figures show a fall of 2,600 people in the West Midlands. Dudley South MP Chris Kelly said: "It's great news. There is always more to do but these figures are encouraging."

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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AS I write this, there is a song swirling round at the back of my mind. Don't know who sang it, but it just won't leave my head.

Something about 'the marriage vow being very sacred'. Yes it's coming back now, something along the lines of "Come on, come on, let's stick together. You know we made a vow, not to leave one another, never."

Whose song was that? Dunno, it's on the tip of my tongue.

Meanwhile, in other news singer Brian Ferry, aged 67, has just split from his second wife, Amanda Sheppard, 30, having got married last year.

Now, who sang that song again?

WOULDN'T you have loved to be on duty at the police station in Stockholm when a man called in to report that he was intimidated by 'a group of drunk elks' who were in his home.

Now I'm sure the police in Amsterdam get calls like that all the time. Indeed there are probably certain parts of Wolverhampton where the natives are convinced they are in imminent danger from a herd of marauding wildebeest after a few too many herbal cigarettes.

But in Sweden? What's more, it seems, this really did happen. The man was apparently unable to enter his residence because he was being stared down by a rowdy bunch of elk that had got inebriated on fermented apples that had fallen from a nearby tree.

Police spokesman Albin Naverberg said the man had no option but to call the authorities as the animals posed a big threat.

"They can be really dangerous, they become fearless," Mr Naverberg told a local newspaper.

A line of defence which will no doubt come in handy if any Newcastle United fans find themselves in conflict with a police horse when they visit these parts in a couple of weeks.

DON'T you just love it when politicians try to show how they are down with the kids and in tune with the modern age?

First we have Nick Clegg, saying that two weeks' paternity leave for new fathers is 'an Edwardian relic', and has also been a considerable inconvenience to himself.

Of course it is. You will no doubt have heard about all those Edwardian miners coughing their lungs out beneath the ground, or the men working in the searing heat of the foundries and chainshops constantly saying "What we would really like is an extra four weeks' paid paternity leave."

Then we have Conservative MP Claire Perry saying that teachers need to get into the digital age and start teaching youngsters about porn on the internet.

I think she is concerned about the harmful effects porn has on teenagers, rather than a shortage of IT skills in accessing it, but it still seems remarkably naive.



A snowy scene at the Black Country Living Museum during filming



Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry - presenters of the highly popular cookery show

# Museum's magical muffin past on show

The muffin man is not purely the stuff of fairy tales as The Black Country Living Museum proved when it was featured in the Great British Bake Off series. **DEBORAH HARDIMAN** reports

**THE Black Country Living Museum was among the stars of the show when the heritage attraction played a part in the TV series the Great British Bake Off.**

A film crew visited the museum earlier this year to film traditional muffin making techniques, with the footage used as a video feature during the latest episode of the contest.

## Popular

Museum staff who appeared in the clip, screened last Tuesday, included curator of domestic and cultural life Clare Weston, who explained the historical side of the muffin alongside Rosalyn Crone, from the Open University.

Popular Mrs Weston, aged 39, who has worked for the attraction for two years, said: "They asked me to stand on the bridge and talk about how the muffin became popular in Georgian times from the late 18th century into the 19th century."

"It was very cold as we'd had heavy snowfall just the weekend before the film crew came."

"It took an hour to film my bit, but it's



Dave Harrison rings the bell to promote his wares as the Muffin Man

a very nice part of my job. Muffins were made with quite a cheap recipe and were popular with the labourers, and eventually became popular with the upper classes as a tasty afternoon snack."

Museum demonstrator Deryck

Noakes, who knows how to bake, was filmed showing how muffins would have been made in the Black Country using a recipe of yeast, flour, salt, and butter.

Mrs Weston explained the British muffin is different from the American

adaptation which is in effect a cake, such as the blueberry muffin.

"It's created using a yeast-based dough. It is served warm with butter. But it's not very easy to bake. You have to get it just right with the heat hitting it evenly."

"I think some of the contestants were having real problems in that section of the show and ended up with muffins with soggy centres."

"We showed how to bake it using a traditional griddle with a hoop handle which was hung over a coal fire range so that the heat from the fire would heat it from the bottom to the top."

"On the programme they used a Welsh bakestone which is available nowadays and sits over the hob," she added.

Dave Harrison, from Tipton and in his 60s, is a learning assistant at the museum and takes groups of school children round the site.

He was filmed carrying out muffin man duties.

## Footage

Mr Harrison said: "They were asking for volunteers to take part in the filming. I put my name forward to help. I had to dress up in a muffin man outfit, carry muffins around and ring the bell."

"Like most of these things it takes several hours of footage and only two minutes of me made it on air."

"But it was amazing. While the show was on I got a text from someone I used to work with years ago who said, 'you're the muffin man, fame at last'."

"I was watching it at home. It's great publicity for the museum which looked great on the screen. It just underlines that it's a fabulous site for those types of heritage TV programmes."

Mr Harrison, a former journalist who was born in Tipton, has been working at the museum for four years.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

TWO top gardeners left the opposition in tears at the West Midlands heaviest onion competition - but the winning vegetables did not touch the magic five-pound mark. Winner John Sifford of Halesowen said poor weather meant his winning onion was five ounces short.

AUSTRALIAN newlyweds Joe and Josie Willis flew 12,000 miles to celebrate their honeymoon - in Coseley. And the couple were given a typical Black Country welcome by Joe's aunt who made them a cuppa.

MEMBERS of the Sealed Knot charity society caused a stir in Staffordshire when they re-enacted the Battle of Hopton Heath. Roundheads and Royalists clashed on playing fields at Etching Hill High School during a friendly representation of the 1643 English Civil War battle.

### 1993...

A BABY born in Netherton was given a pampered start to life by no fewer than nine sets of grandparents and great-grandparents. Samantha Humphries was showered with affection as family members from across the generations gathered to celebrate.

STAFF at Wolverhampton Grammar School started a new scheme issuing "boredom warnings" to students before dull lessons. The idea was hatched by headteacher Bernard Trafford in an effort to keep pupils tuned in during tedious subjects.

LADY Godiva rode through the streets of Droitwich to protest at the planned closure of a hospital used by rheumatism sufferers. Kingswinford beauty queen Justine Mather wore a white swimsuit and long wig for her role as she headed a march organised by campaigners fighting to save Highfield Hospital.

### 2003...

PLANS for an £80 million shopping, leisure, office and housing development in Wolverhampton were axed after a planning inquiry. Council chiefs said the proposals for the Springfield Brewery site would hit existing shopping centres in the area.

A QUICK-THINKING aunt used first aid skills she picked up on a course 20 years ago to save a tot who was choking on a penny. Lorraine Garratt from Tipton unblocked 19-month-old Sheridan Wilkes' airways after the toddler swallowed the coin which became lodged in her throat.

A NEW skateboarding park officially opened in the centre of Wolverhampton. The facility was created within the Penn Road island after youngsters were driven away from the civic centre piazza following complaints from members of the public.

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## LETTERS

# Trawling through local history

RECENTLY on one of my road journeys through Wolverhampton, a town (now city) I have known and seen change since 1956 – I started to think of some of the historical articles that have been produced in the Express & Star, and sister paper Stourbridge Chronicle regarding architecture.

Many of the building changes are now glass and concrete of styles that can be found all over the world. Buildings that will not be around in 40, 50 or so years. The old London Midland Station was a favourite along with the GWR when trainspotting. However with previous changes and the prospec-

tive new station we wait and see. Up and down the country old industrial premises are still being demolished for identical garage style work units – which brings me to the old Sunbeam Factory which has been empty for many years.

Some while ago I think the question was asked what could Wolverhampton do to bring in tourists, especially since our once world famous football team/club will not be bringing so many visitors to the city.

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You recently ran an article on the number of old style telephone kiosks that are to be taken out of service. A year ago I contacted BT to see if they would donate one to a small preserved railway as they already had hundreds stockpiled that have been taken out of service. Their answer, £1,500 to purchase, and £600 for them to transfer on health and safety grounds. What will they do with them all? China, India?

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to the Editor

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## Fracking protesters missed power cuts

BACK in the 70s I remember the TV going off every evening before 10.30 to save power. I also remember all the power cuts due to electricity worker and miner strikes so I well remember what it is like to be without our major fuels! Sitting in the dark with no heating and only candles for light!

Recently I have seen many scenes on TV of demonstrations against fracking or attempts to remove oil and gas from deep below parts of British landscapes. It seems to me that many of these protesters are only teenagers themselves and do not remember what it is like to be without fuel – nor have they had to work to pay a family and pay a grossly exaggerated fuel bill caused by fuel imported from other countries!

Meanwhile MPs do not have this problem either, protesting at coal fired and nuclear fired power stations, but do not want wind turbines to spoil the land near them, but are quite happy when they get home to turn on the TV, the kettle and the heating and not worry where the power came from as long as it's not here and they can get some publicity and their faces on TV!

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# Group puts its finishing touches to church plan

**THE FINISHING touches are being put to plans for campaigners to take over a landmark church.**

It would also see an agreement drawn up to help sacred treasures return to the building in the future.

St John's Church Preservation Group in Kates Hill, Dudley, is finalising arrangements to take over the church so members can carry out repairs.

They are currently in discussions with church commissioners about their proposals and hope to receive the go-ahead later this year.

Members want to keep the 173-year-old church building, which is described as 'a virtually intact Victorian church' as unaltered as possible but will restore some of the old features such as the lychgate.

They hope to eventually reinstall some of the historical items such as the windows, plaques, altar and worship artefacts, which were taken out of the church when it closed in 2002. The items are currently in the custodianship of the St John's congregation, which now meets elsewhere. But

by Heather Large

the preservation group hopes to bring them back to the church as and when they become available in future years.

Chairman Deb Brownlee said: "The future of historic artefacts associated with the historic church building is a very sensitive issue."

As a preservation group seeking to restore the church and lychgate historically intact, naturally we want to refit as many original items as possible and we have asked that a tracking process be put in place so that we can seek the return of items as they come available over the longer term."

The group is asking for pledges of funding from businesses, community groups and individuals. Anyone interested can email [savestjohnchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:savestjohnchurch@hotmail.co.uk) or by calling 07871 195042.

## Things otter up at zoo with carrot fun



One of the otters plays with a ball-shaped piece of carrot

JUGGLING otters at Dudley Zoo are causing quite a stir with their antics.

The playful creatures have been keeping visitors entertained by juggling with pebbles or ball-shaped pieces of carrot as they show off their dexterity. And their cute displays frequently turn up on various internet video sites.

The 13 Asiatic short-clawed otters are not trained to put on an act - but the juggling is good practice for handling slippery customers, in the shape of the fish they like to eat.

Their tiny claws are smaller than those of other otters and enhance their manual dexterity in dealing with their prey. Zoo spokesman Jill Hitchman said: "The otters lie on their backs when they are in a juggling mood and pick up little pebbles, which they put on their tummies and roll around."

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## NEWS

# Delight after recycling waste scheme is binned

CAMPAIGNERS have been celebrating after a controversial proposal to build a waste recycling plant in the Black Country was refused – but they admitted their battle may not be over yet as the company behind the scheme considers an appeal.

More than 20 people arrived ahead of Dudley Council's development control meeting to voice their protest against the scheme planned for Brierley Hill by Clean Power Properties at the Council House in Priory Road last night.

More than 350 people had signed a petition against the plan. Ward councillors also opposed the application as well as Dudley South MP Chris Kelly.

Inside the meeting held last Tuesday, Tim Lee, aged 63, of Seagers Lane, told councillors on the committee the plant would bring traffic and odour misery to residents, already blighted by problems of waste storage at Refused Derived Fuel Ltd in Moor Street.

He said: "Now the Brierley Hill area is in danger of becoming the waste dump of the West Midlands. Families won't want to move to the area, nor will new businesses want to start up here."

As the vote was announced, residents in the public gallery of the council chamber cheered, but many afterwards feared an appeal by the company.

Mr Lee said: "I worry this will change nothing for Clean Power Properties – the company has shown little consideration to local residents so far, by putting the plant forward in the first place and then sticking with the application despite objections."

Justine Chamberlain-Page, 42, of



Councillors Zafar Islam and Rachel Harris, and spokesman Tim Lee with residents protesting about the proposed recycling plant in Brierley Hill

Church Street, said: "It's good news today, we only hope that is the end of it now, but there is no guarantee."

"I'm pleased the councillors have listened to our concerns and taken the right action. It is a waiting game now."

Reverend Steve Martin, vicar at St Michael's Anglican Church in Brierley Hill, said: "Clean Power need to realise this is a community which does not wish for their waste recycling plant. I hope this sends the message loud and clear."

## Disappointed

Clean Power said they would now explore their next steps. Spokesman Dominic O'Donnell said: "We are understandably very disappointed in the Development Control Committee's decision. Clean Power has worked hard throughout the application process to answer all of the questions asked by local residents, councillors and officers

about our proposals, including on the issue of odour."

"We have detailed how the Environment Agency – who would regulate and monitor the operation of the site – raised no objection to our proposals. We would like to thank those within the community who have supported us. We will now explore our next steps."

It took councillors less than an hour to refuse the planning application on the grounds that the facility would disrupt people living nearby with increased traffic and smell.

The decision was made despite the Environment Agency not objecting against the plant in favour of stringent conditions laid down on operations.

Committee chairman Councillor Qadar Zada said: "I can see why a development like this would be beneficial. What I can't see is how it would be beneficial to the people of Brierley Hill."

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## NEWS

# Fresh start for couple after market is closed

by Heather Large

**TWO fruit and veg sellers have branched out to open their own shop following the closure of Brierley Hill's Concord Market.**

Jeremy Thorpe and his wife Caireen have opened traditional farm shop Fresh Harvest in the town's Mill Street.

The couple had been running a business at the former indoor market for three and a half years.

But after market bosses announced in June that the centre was going to shut due to dwindling trade, they decided to set up on their own.

They have moved into a former bakery three weeks ago and said, so far, business was going well.

Mr Thorpe, aged 47, said: "It was a shock how quickly the market closed but it's been good for us to open our own shop."

## Traditional

"We had a good customer base at the market so hopefully we can continue to have that in our new premises."

"It's a traditional farm shop with a large kitchen table in the middle of the shop and lots of wicker baskets."

"We try to source as much local produce as possible to support the local farmers and we also work with the seasons."

The couple are following in the footsteps of Mandy Merrick who moved her tea room business to Maple Row, off Mill Street. It had been a popular feature of the Concord Market in Brierley Hill for more than 20 years.

But Mrs Merrick decided the time was right to move Polly's Tea Room into a shop.

She took over the business four years ago after leaving a job in the



Owner Jeremy Thorpe, from Pedmore, at the new shop in Brierley Hill

licensing department at Dudley Council. Her business, which employs three, also has a kitchen at Myles Court, which provides food to 91 resident flats.

Owner of Concord Market Shane Birch-Bastock blamed the closure of the market on a drop in trade and an

exit of stallholders. Four stallholders handed their notice in just weeks before he announced it would shut.

Before it closed, he vowed to help the remaining stallholders move to other locations in the borough.

Mr Birch-Bastock also runs the market in Sedgley.

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## NEWS

# Whopper tomato crop is no tall story

A GARDENER is celebrating his green-fingered skills after his latest crop of tomato plants grew to more than 7ft tall.

Roy Wood, of Coseley, said he had been left stunned at the rate of their growth – with the plants so large they are now poking out of the windows of his greenhouse.

The 75-year-old retired engineer has been a keen gardener since he was a boy.

But Mr Wood said his latest batch of tomato plants was the largest yet – and revealed they are still continuing to grow.

Mr Wood said the seeds he used had come from tomatoes on his own dinner plate.

"I was eating the tomatoes and could see they were very high quality," he said.

"I planted them in my greenhouse and the results have been absolutely amazing."



Roy Wood, of Coseley, who is celebrating the success of his tomato plants

# Shop developer hits out at planning officers' demands

A DEVELOPER wanting to open a home furnishing store out of a derelict pub in the Black Country has hit out at council planning officers over 'impossible' demands for his proposal.

Jon Thompson plans to spend £200,000 refitting the fire-wrecked former Round Oak pub in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, before operating his family business shop inside.

The store would employ up to 10 people at launch and would regenerate a building last used as a pub more than 20 years ago. But Mr Thompson claims his planning application, submitted in May, has been held back by continuous demands from planning officers.



Jon Thompson, left, and Allan Cooper at the former Round Oak pub

An electric car charging port, parking for motorbikes and showering and changing facilities are among the requests for the shop from Dudley Council. Mr Thompson said: "I want to

bring back into use a terrible-looking building and boost business to this area of town – yet I am being treated like a Tesco Express. I don't see why so many problems are being found."

Mr Thompson submitted the planning application on May 8 and hoped to get approval in July. Now he has been told a decision is imminent. Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "All planning applications have to go through the normal legal process before being determined, and it is important to get this detail from the outset."

"We work closely with people to help them make sure all policy requirements are met before a decision is made. We are continuing to work with the applicant to ensure all matters are resolved as quickly as possible."

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# Dudley's Male Voice Choir Welcomes Top Soprano Laura Wright

One of Dudley's top choirs - the 70-strong Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir is presenting its annual Autumn Concert in Dudley Town Hall on Saturday 21st September.

The well respected choir has developed a reputation for providing entertaining programmes consisting of a wide range of music, and in recent years has attracted many top rated entertainers to appear on stage with them.

This year's Autumn Concert is no exception, when the choir is delighted to welcome as its special guest artist the sensational soprano Laura Wright.

With over a million album sales under her belt and still only 23 years old, Laura Wright has been one of the biggest selling classical artists this decade, having reached Number One in the Classical Chart with her album 'The Last Rose', and her second album 'Glorious' will leave even the most faint-hearted Brit brimming with patriotic pride.

Last year she completed a UK tour with tenor Alfie Boe, the Queen's Jubilee tour with Russell Watson and she opened the iTunes Festival for Andrea Bocelli.

In 2012 Laura performed more times for HM The Queen than any other artist, and enjoyed performing for the Queen at the Coronation Concerts in the gardens of Buckingham Palace in July 2013.

Laura has appeared and sung at many top class sporting events at venues including the Olympic Stadium, The Edgbaston Priory Club, Wembley Stadium and Twickenham, and has sung at the QBE International rugby matches and 6 Nations at Twickenham.



Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir courtesy of Ralph Mason Photography

In 2012, the RFU announced Laura as their first ever official anthem singer, supporting the England Rugby team at their international and 6 Nations rugby matches, appearing something of a lucky charm as no matches have been lost yet when she's sung!

She was nominated for a Classical Brit Award in 2012 and received the PPL Classical Award at the Nordoff Robbins 02 Silver Clef Awards 2012. Laura is proud to be an Ambassador of Arthritis Research UK, having battled her own debilitating condition at a very young age.

The compare at this concert will be local BBC presenter, Michael Collie.

More details about Laura Wright are available on her website - [www.laura-wright.co.uk](http://www.laura-wright.co.uk), and details of the concert can be found on the choir's website - [www.gsmvc.org.uk](http://www.gsmvc.org.uk)

Tickets for the concert are available at £19 and £17 through the choir's Ticket Hotline 01384 838863, or online via [www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment)



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# Judge praises prolific thief after he owns up to more than 100 offences

**A PROLIFIC thief who confessed to more than 100 offences has been jailed – but could be free in less than a year and has been praised by a judge for his honesty.**

Dale Mowat's £32,000 crimewave only ended after he knocked at the door of a woman in Stourbridge Road, Lye, and asked her to order him a takeaway. She refused the bizarre request and moments later bravely grabbed hold of the 25-year-old after spotting him breaking in to

by John Scott

a neighbour's car, prosecutor Edward Soulsby told Wolverhampton Crown Court. The unnamed woman grabbed hold of his legs and refused to let go despite the drug addict threatening to stab her with a syringe.

Mowat was on bail at the time having been arrested three days earlier after being caught trying to steal from a hut at the Stourbridge Children's and Family Centre in Ford Road on June 3. The serial criminal

with 35 previous convictions for 58 offences then decided to take police on a drive round the area, pointing out the scene of the other unsolved crimes he had committed over two years, involving a total of £32,581 worth of valuables, the court heard.

Mr Paul Hiatt, defending, explained: "He sold all the property he stole and spent the money on drink and drugs. He wants to wipe the slate clean. On his release he intends to move out of the area and become a drugs counsellor."

Former sous chef Mowat, from Ridge

Road, Stourbridge, who lost several fingers in an industrial accident in March 2011, admitted burglary, seven thefts and two attempted thefts from vehicles and asked for 94 other offences to be taken into consideration. He was jailed for a total of 22 months, but is likely to only serve half of that time actually behind bars.

Recorder Mark Wall QC told him: "Police did not know you were responsible for many of the crimes you subsequently admitted. They may never have been solved without your honesty."

## Village's new rotary club president starts

The new president of Kinver Rotary Club has been appointed. Nick Geoghegan, who won the Kinver Civic Society's award for services to the community through his dedication to brightening up the High Street with floral decorations, has taken up the position.

He has previous worked in accountancy, engineering and manufacturing and now works as an employer adviser with the DWP. Mr Geoghegan joined the Rotary Club in 2008 and has served as treasurer and vice-president.

Fellow club member Mike Deathridge said: "Nick, who is a former vice chairman of the village's Allotment Association, can be seen regularly on the High Street with his wife watering floral hanging baskets and generally tidying the frontages in support of the drive for Best Kept Village in which the Rotary Club has been a major supporter."



Mr Geoghegan

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## NEWS

# Rags are riches for pageant win



Beauty pageant winner Alexia Bates, aged 12, wearing the dress bought from the Birmingham rag market

## Alexia in the pink as worldbeater

A SCHOOLGIRL from Dudley has been crowned the winner of a glitzy worldwide beauty pageant in America – wearing a £20 dress bought from a rag market.

Alexia Bates, aged 12, beat more than 30 finalists to add the Perfect Pageants title to her 16 victories in the UK. Remarkably, Alexia has won every single competition she entered since her first pageant 18 months ago.

She travelled to Orlando in Florida on August 3 with her mum April Bates, 39, after winning the European leg of the contest earlier this year. And while

by Alex Ross

most girls wore outfits their parents had splashed out hundreds of pounds on, Alexia proudly sported a pink princess dress purchased from an indoor market in Birmingham and decorated with jewels bought off ebay. And after impressing the judges the rags-to-riches youngster was crowned the world's perfect pre-teen winning a trophy and £1,282.

Mother April, who lives with Alexia as well as her other daughter Raven, 17, and twin sons Jonah and Noah, five, said: "I'm very proud of her. She has only been competing for the last 18 months. Everyone thinks it is all glam-

orous and expensive but it is what you make it. I'm not one who splashes out or wastes money. When it comes to Lexi's outfits, a lot of them are either bought off ebay or we create an outfit of our own."

The pageants have even inspired Alexia to want to become a fashion designer when she grows up and April believes they have improved her confidence. The teaching assistant said she disagrees with the negative publicity normally associated with the competitions. She added: "I think a lot of criticism comes from people who are only basing it from shows they see with the little girls. Lexi does wear make-up but it is age appropriate."

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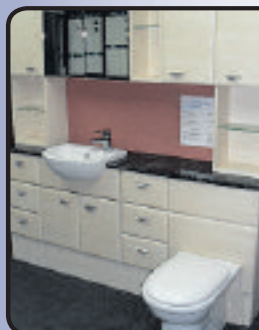
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## THE WAY I SEE IT

# UK should not bear burden of air strikes

**Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views**



*"Not one person who got in touch urged me to support military intervention. After careful consideration I felt unable to support the Government motion"*

EVEN ahead of the Commons vote on Syria I had grave reservations about the possibility of UK missile strikes – in conjunction with the US – upon Syrian Government/military targets.

I do not believe it should fall primarily to the UK and the US to shoulder the burden and responsibility for punishing the Assad regime for its use of chemical weapons against a civilian population – undoubtedly a clear contravention of international law.

I paid close attention to the messages sent to me by constituents in recent days and weeks and thank all of those who contacted me.

Not one person who got in touch urged me to support military intervention in the form of air strikes. I also remain to be convinced that this conflict somehow requires intervention in a way which others don't.

Sadly there are still all too many cases of brutal, repressive dictatorships and bloody civil wars around the globe.

So, after careful consideration I felt unable to support the Government motion which would have been a first step toward UK participation in air strikes on Syrian regime targets.

I AM pleased that Dudley MBC, the local planning authority, declined permis-

sion for Clean Power Properties' proposed waste to energy centre in Brierley Hill. I have publicised the application – and how to object via [www.dudley.gov.uk/planning](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/planning) – extensively through these pages, on my website and via social media since first being alerted to what was then a proposed application more than a year ago.

The feedback I received from local residents convinced me that the downsides from this proposal seriously outweigh the potential for modest new employment opportunities at the site.

In the event that the planning application was passed by Dudley Council, my office and I worked hard – including through meet-

ings and extensive correspondence with Clean Power and the council – to insert conditions for strictly limited hours of operation for waste acceptance on the site, as well as strict limits on heavy vehicle movements onto and off the site given the residential nature of many of the streets linking the site from local arterial routes along with the weakness of several very old bridges in the immediate area.

Given the problems residents in Kingswinford experience with the operation of Kettley Quarry, I felt it was vital to residents in Brierley Hill in the event of planning approval being granted and the waste-to-energy plant eventually

being built and operated, to mitigate traffic, noise, odour and disruption as much as possible.

Although the project would have created jobs and that is always welcome, I do question why former brownfield sites such as this where planners have allowed residential properties to be built around them are still earmarked for industrial use.

The council should redesignate those that are suitable for residential build to help hardworking people get onto the property ladder, often for the first time, and access Government schemes to help first time buyers like Help to Buy.

I am pleased that local people have been listened to and have already written to Clean Power urging that they respect the wishes of hundreds of my Brierley Hill constituents and do not appeal against the decision to reject these proposals.

If you would like me to visit a local organisation or your place of work – or seek my help with an issue at a constituency advice surgery – please use the contact details below.

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# Backing for plan to free up traffic in high street

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by Heather Large

A transport board set up to decide how to use a government fund worth between £18.4 million and £36.8m has earmarked the cash for a mix of road and rail schemes.

But the Black Country Strategic Transport Board, made up of senior councillors from across the area, has turned down plans to reopen freight rail lines for trains between Walsall and Stourbridge.

The project in Pensnett aims to help businesses as well as motorists in the borough including people travelling to Russells Hall Hospital. Bosses say the A4101 High Street is 'the last remaining bottleneck' between the Pensnett Trading Estate, in Kingswinford and junction 2 of the M5 at Oldbury.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for transport,

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "This work is desperately needed as there has been a problem with congestion in this area for a long time. It is part of a much wider project that will be looking at to widen the route and improve the traffic flow."

Despite funding being turned down for the plans to re-open the freight line between Walsall and Stourbridge, Councillor Ahmed said he was still committed to the scheme and said meetings would be taking place to see how the proposals could be progressed.

"I am very keen to get moving on this as it's something that has been discussed for a long time. We do need more rail links and the infrastructure is already there. We will continue to work on this."

## Nightmare cake is gone for a Burton



Jules Scholfield with the cake she made to mark Tim Burton's birthday, inspired by The Nightmare Before Christmas

BAKERS served up spectacular cakes as they took part in a world-wide celebration of film director Tim Burton's 55th birthday. The masterpieces were inspired by the film The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Jules Scholfield, who runs cake shop Marzipan Moon & Sugar Dust Stars in Lye, paid homage to Doctor Finklestein while her friend and home baker Sarah Russell, from Worcester, recreated the character Barrel. Her cake stands at around 20 inches high.

One hundred bakers took part in the celebration with all of the cakes unveiled on the Cakenweenie website at the weekend. Mrs Scholfield, aged 49, from Wolverley, said: "When we heard about the Tim Burton project it seemed a really good idea as we love his films."

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*by Carl Chinn*

extent and generally between six and seven miles in breadth.

By the early years of the 19th Century it was reckoned that between 500,000 and one million tons of local coal were burned annually in the works and furnaces of the Black Country. Within a few years, the Ten Yard Seam was second only to the vast Northern Coalfield in national importance.

Eventually, small mines became uncompetitive and others were flooded by water. Many closed. Deeper collieries were sunk on the edges of the coalfield at Hamstead, Sandwell Valley and Baggeridge but they could not halt the swift fall of the Black Country from its pinnacle as a coal-producing region.

Production of iron locally peaked at 752,000 tons in 1859. This was an

amazing 22 per cent of British production and it was blasted from 190 furnaces. Such a huge amount of iron needed to be extracted from an even greater amount of iron ore; in 1866 it was reported that almost two million tons of iron ore was needed for the Black Country furnaces. Of this, more than half was mined locally.

However, the subsequent exhaustion of local supplies of both iron ore and coal led to a rapid decline in the number of furnaces to just 40 by 1880. Fortunately new jobs were created through the emergence of steel making in both Bilston and Brierley Hill – something which carried on strongly until the later 20th Century. The mining of limestone, too, was in marked decline. Often overlooked in its importance, limestone was highly significant.

The limestone under the Wrens

Nest and Castle Hill in Dudley was worked from at least the 1200s. By the 1860s these opencast mines were mostly worked out, after which the stone was fetched out via shafts sunk into the hill – as can be seen in the caverns today. It was then burned with coal in kilns, such as those still obvious at the Black Country Living Museum.

Most of the lime from Dudley was used as a flux in the smelting of iron to remove phosphorus, sulphur, and silica and other impurities. This led to the forming of the slag above the pure liquid iron. Lime was also important in the refining of steel and in the making of glass.

Much of the clay in the Black Country was particularly suitable for this purpose, allowing blast furnaces and glass kilns to withstand the fierce temperatures so necessary in the making of glass and the

smelting of iron. This clay was mined from local pits and was brought to the surface in slab form and 'weathered'. It was dug up mostly from Brierley Hill, Amblecote and Kingswinford.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## Museum's Peaky viewing time

by Mark Andrews

**AFTER** years of being overlooked or derided by television executives, the **Black Country** is finally being taken seriously as a drama setting.

Peaky Blinders, set in Birmingham's criminal underworld during 1919, will become the latest of several period dramas filmed at the Black Country Living Museum when it reaches our screens next Thursday.

And unlike the days of Crossroads or Auf Wiedersehen Pet, when the only references to the West Midlands came in the form of hammy accents and the odd place name crowbarred into the dialogue, the new series starring Batman actor Cillian Murphy will feature several identifiable locations.

Much of the filming for Peaky Blinders, named after a mob of sharply dressed gangsters who conceal razor blades in the peak of their tweed caps, took place at the museum.

## Popular

It follows on from Dancing on the Edge, a jazz-age murder mystery, and WPC 56, a police series set in the 1950s, which were also filmed at the site in Dudley.

Alan Apperley, a media expert at Wolverhampton University, is not surprised the area is becoming increasingly popular as a setting for period drama, saying that locations such as the Black Country Living Museum are perfect for such productions. "It's like a ready-made film set," he says. "There are lots of stately homes around, but these working-class period settings are becoming increasingly scarce, as they have all been lost to redevelopment."

The Severn Valley Railway was also used for filming scenes of Dancing on the Edge, and WPC 56 featured scenes which were shot at Himley Hall, and having such attractions close together is another important factor in choosing film locations.

Black Country Living Museum director Clare Byers says talks are



The new BBC period drama Peaky Blinders, starring Cillian Murphy, left, has been filmed at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley

## Attraction ideal for period drama crews

already taking place about the prospect of a second series of WPC 56 being made at the museum, and she believes the film crews will become an increasingly common presence at the site.

"The Black Country Living Museum is a producer's dream, with its array of Victorian buildings, old artefacts and traffic-free environment," she says.

Mike Hobson, the producer of WPC 56, agrees, saying that the beauty of the West Midlands is that there are so many suitable locations within easy reach of one another.

"It's like a Hollywood backdrop, there are a wealth of locations suitable for filming," he says.

"The Black Country Museum was ideal, it worked beautifully well with that brilliant street of shops, with the old motorcycle shop fitting in with the period."

"We filmed a scene on the car park behind Dudley Zoo. The only problem was the noise from the monkeys."

A second series of WPC 56, which follows the fortunes of a young policeman struggling to overcome the prejudices of a male-dominated environment, could open up the prospect of more familiar landmarks appearing on our screens. Hobson said the grounds of Himley Hall, with their Capability Brown landscaped gardens, could well feature in a second series.

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# David hopes to solve mystery on lost sundial which was unveiled by mayor



An E&amp;S letters page picture of the sundial in 1952

A FORMER grammar school pupil is trying to solve the mystery of a missing sundial which was a well-known landmark in a Black Country town for decades.

David Humphries attended Stourbridge Grammar School, now King Edward VI College, between 1948 and 1954. The 76-year-old said in 1952 the school had cele-

by Lee Watton

brated the 400th anniversary of receiving its charter with staff and pupils raising money to purchase the sundial to mark the occasion.

For many years it stood at the top of Lower High Street, near to the town's historic clock and opposite the Mitre Pub.

And Mr Humphries, who now lives in Sedgley, said a recent trip to Stourbridge had brought back memories of the sundial and he had

wondered what had happened to it. His search has revealed the sundial was still in place until the 1980s when he believes it was removed for the building of the Crown Centre.

But his investigations have so far failed to reveal the eventual fate of the sundial and he is now hoping someone will come forward with information. "When the sundial was unveiled in 1952 it was a really major occasion with the Mayor attending the ceremony," he said.

"I have a picture of the sundial still in place in the 1960s however it had lost the gnomon, the part which casts the shadow. I also have information it remained at the top of High Street until 1981. Indications seem to be it was removed when the Crown Centre was built later in the decade.

"To be honest I very much doubt the dial is still in existence after so many years but it would be absolutely fascinating to know what happened to it."



David Humphries with stories on the sundial

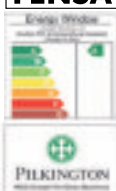
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## CLUB NEWS

Butcher to meat the ladies

Loyal toast to guild and guest speaker

## SHARESHILL WI

**PRESIDENT** Margaret Beddard welcomed everyone to the July meeting and hoped they were all enjoying the warm weather.

Member Judy Nugent was congratulated on her emerald award from the Blood Transfusion Service for so far donating 80 pints of blood. Dulcie Clewley and Margaret Matthews were both wished a speedy recovery after their recent falls.

Thanks went to Federation chairman Denise Moreton, who represented the WI at the Cardiff AGM, for the comprehensive report on the meeting which was summarised by the president. The Eating Club met at Bantock House; The Darts Club are still practising and the Craft Club provided an exhibition of some of their work for members to enjoy in social time.

Speaker was Helen Scales who talked about the Linus Project, a volunteer organisation aiming to provide a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new homemade patchwork quilts and knitted/crocheted blankets.

In August, the weather behaved itself for the annual summer saunter which was enjoyed by all who took part, as was the meal at The Terrace which followed.

The next speaker will be famed local butcher Alan Bennet and there will be a sales table of preserves and produce.



Lady toastmaster Marion Canning was the afternoon's guest speaker

## WEST MIDLANDS FEDERATION OF TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS

THE federation held its annual lunch at the Mill Hotel, Alveley, in June. After grace by Win Willetts, an excellent meal followed and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The loyal toast to Her Majesty the Queen was given by Jean Williams. Margaret Tew gave a toast to the guilds, then Jen Kerrison responded on behalf of the guilds.

The speaker for the afternoon was Marion Canning, one of the few lady toastmasters, now retired, who gave a very interesting and amusing talk about her career as a toastmaster and the many amusing things that had happened to her during that time.

Three guild members won raffle prizes. There are a few dates for members' diaries, the first of which will be the harvest supper at Wollaston village hall on October 9.

Arts and crafts secretary Jill Attwood has organised a card-making dabble day at Norton Community Association on October 12. An invitation has been received from Birmingham Federation regarding an event on November 6 entitled 'Wish you were here'. Several members will be attending.

The final event of 2013 will be the carol service on December 14 at St Thomas's Church, Market Street, Stourbridge.

## Old buildings in the picture

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These included St Martins Church in the Bull Ring, the council house and Town Hall, together with views of pubs, libraries, schools, swimming baths and other public buildings.

Reference was also made to renovation work at the Grand Hotel in Colmore Row which will maintain the street's Victorian look.

Jewellery Quarter views included Gun Proof House, indicating the city's industrial past.

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## NEWS

# £2.6m restoration of park nears completion

**WORKS** to complete a £2.6 million revamp of an historic Dudley park, which dates back almost 1,000 years, will be officially unveiled next month.

A long-awaited restoration project for Priory Park is drawing to a close after officials secured the remaining grants needed to complete the scheme. The park is getting £2.6 million of investment following the bid to Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund under the Parks for People programme. Around £1.8 million has come from the lottery schemes.

Dudley Council and other contributors have put £800,000 into the project. The 19-acre park opened in 1932 and is home to the remains of the 900-year old Dudley Priory which was established after the Norman Conquest of 1066.

## Fantastic

Campaigners have long fought for the revamp of the park and demanded the Dudley Council help push for grants to seek improvements.

Dudley Council and the Friends of Priory Park and Green will show VIPs around the newly improved park at a special launch event on September 20.

The council's environment and culture chief, Councillor Tracy Wood, today said: "It is fantastic to see all the aspects of this project coming together to give this beautiful and historical park the improvements it deserves."

"I'm sure our residents and park visitors will be delighted to see how much Priory Park has been reinvigorated over the last three years."

The work includes the redevelopment of the park pavilion which has been extended.

It will now provide public toilets and act as a base for educational activities



Christine Jenkins, Barbara Thomas, Jim Jenkins and Denise Woolvin at the fun day

and community facilities. New lighting has also been installed around the Priory ruins.

An avenue of trees, repairs to path surfaces, new signage, artwork and sculptures and improvements to drainage also feature. The cash has also enabled the council to employ two park rangers. The Heritage Lottery Fund's West Midlands regional chief, Reyahn King, added: "Parks are a vital green lung in our towns and cities. We're delighted that Priory Park is nearing completion."

Meanwhile, volunteers welcomed families to a community fun day at

Dudley's landmark Priory Park as they get ready to celebrate the completion of the long-awaited revamp.

Scores of people attended the event organised by the Friends of Priory Park group. There were an array of stalls as well as entertainment for youngsters including a bouncy castle, climbing wall, a harness trampoline and balloon-making.

Members of the Priory Park Allstars organised sports activities for visitors and there were raffles and a tombola, which was raising money for a piece of artwork to be installed in the rose garden.



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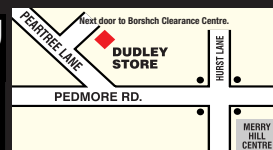
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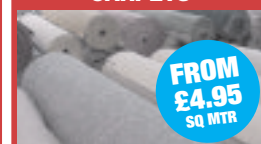
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## MUSIC NEWS

# Getting a musical insight into Dan's state of mind

Reaching for a State of Mind  
Dan Whitehouse  
THIS may only be Dan Whitehouse's second full album, but you very quickly realise he has much more maturity and experience of creating music and songs than just two CDs can indicate.



Dan Whitehouse

Dan, originally from Wolverhampton now working mostly from Birmingham, has done his time, mainly on the folk circuit.

The opening track, A Dream That's Floating Out To Sea, is precise in its lyrics and hypnotic in the throbbing beat it carries. Next, A Light, is much more commercial; followed by Come To Me which has a flavour of early U2. The River is a really stylish track and perhaps more than any other showcases Dan's vinyl smooth voice.

This is followed by The Climb which seems almost like The River part two, but this track does focus a little more on Dan's skilled guitar playing.

Arguably one of the best tracks on the album is Chasing Paper, a brooding and emotive track, with vocals similar to Bono. Something in the Way is a haunting and ethereal track and in similar vein Why Don't We Dance? is a gorgeous song and is perhaps Dan at his best, at least on this album. His distinctive sound is accented wonderfully by the lone notes of the piano.

Reaching for a State of Mind is released on October 7 on Tiger Dan Records and will be officially launched by Dan and full band on September 29 at The Crescent Theatre, Sheepcote Street, Birmingham. B16 8AE

Doors open 6pm. Call 0121 643 5858.

## Precise playing with traditional folk roots

Runes - Whalebone  
WHALEBONE is made up of excellent musicians who are clearly experts at their craft. You only have to listen to the first track, Origins, on their latest and fourth album Runes, to realise how accomplished, finely attuned and in touch with the sound they create, they are.

The Shropshire band comprises Steve Downs, on guitars, mandolin and percussion, Charlotte Watson on guitar and percussion and Sarah Ibberson on fiddle and cello.

Whalebone do not really do vocals they concentrate purely on the music and that attention to detail shows in every track on the album, which come from a weird and wonderful collection of inspirations not least of which is Mog's Reel which originates from Downs' Mini car.

The guitar playing on this and every track is precise, crisp and while paying homage to the traditions of folk somehow has the clean construction of a modern sound. One of the most emotive tracks is



Whalebone from left Charlotte Watson, Steve Downs and Sarah Ibberson

Christchurch Cathedral, which gives Ibberson free rein to show off her talent for strings.

Whalebone has a wonderful talent for creating images which is almost akin to painting with sound.

Even the partial lament, The Birds Are Still Singing has that ability to carry you off to wherever your imagination wants to take you. Runes is released on Two Wild Women label on September 15 visit [www.whalebone-music.com](http://www.whalebone-music.com)

## Runrig mark 40 years of music

Stepping Down the Glory Road - Runrig  
RUNRIG were formed on the Isle of Skye 40 years ago and to mark this milestone a six CD set has been put together which is a musical journey covering their time with Chrysalis records. The eight year period from 1988 to 1996 was the band's most successful. The Celtic folk/rock band which was originally named the Run Rig Dance Band was formed by brothers Calum and Rory McDonald. There are nearly a 100 tracks on the box set which covers the wide range of evocative and emotive sounds Runrig produce in a big way. Stepping down the Glory Road (The Chrysalis Years 1988-1996) 6 CD set is out now.

Danny Farragher

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## What's On! Dudley

### Newman stages a return



**New tour – Rob Newman**  
COMEDIAN, journalist, novelist and activist Rob Newman kicks off a brand new tour this month and will stop off in Wolverhampton and Birmingham. After a seven-year absence from the stage, Rob Newman's Theory of Evolution begins its 22-date tour on September 12. It follows a sell-out London run.

#### Challenge

In the show, the funnyman details the 150-year controversy in evolutionary theory. His compelling and comical challenge to dominant theories promise to not only make audiences laugh, but to also leave them questioning life as they know it.

Newman made his name on The Mary Whitehouse Experience and as comedy partner to David Baddiel.

He appears at the Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton on September 22 (call 0870 320 7000) and the Mac, Birmingham on October 19 (Call 0121 446 3232).

# Strictly easy step to win tickets for charity show



IT'S Strictly Dancing with a difference and is guaranteed to put a spring in the step of six deserving charities.

Building on the success of their recent charity events Punjabi Wolves have organised Strictly Dancing with Wolves, a twist on the popular TV reality series. And a host of local personalities including, ex-Wolves player Mel Eves, Big Brother contestant Deana Uppal, BBC reporter Laura May McMullan, five-time world kickboxing champion Kirk 'Fire' Walker, Miss Teen Wolverhampton, Sasha Lyttle and other willing novice individuals.

They will be teaming up with local dance schools from around the Midlands to compete in the competition on Friday, September 27 at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall. And you could be there – the Chronicles are offering 10 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets.\*

Dance schools taking part will be Zig Zag Dance Factory (Wolverhampton), Dance Warehouse (Birmingham), Premier Dance School (Stoke-on-Trent), Dance Magic (Wednesbury) and Eminence Dance Works (Dudley).

#### Executive

This event is set to raise awareness and funds for six charities supported by Punjabi Wolves – Promise Dreams, Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Charity, Royal Centre for Defence Medicine (RCDM), India Project & The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust.

Ticket prices start from £12 for balcony seating, £29.50 for executive seats including a three-course meal and for those wanting a more VIP experience up close to the stars on the dance floor, £39.50. To book your tickets, email [news@punjabiwolves.co.uk](mailto:news@punjabiwolves.co.uk) or call Midland Box Office: 0870 320 7000.

\*To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets simply answer the following question.

**What is the price of the VIP experience?**

Send answers to Strictly Competition Chronicle editorial, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date: Thursday, September 12. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.



Mel Eves practising with Laura Fox from the Zig Zag Dance Factory

### Nizlopi are digging in to festival

NIZLOPI may sound like an anagram but they are responsible for the huge cult hit JCB Song.

They will be bringing their particular brand of music to the Stourbridge Folk Festival on Sunday.

Also at the festival which is being staged at the Redhouse Glass Cone, High Street, Stourbridge are local legends The Bushbury Mountain Daredevils, who are celebrating their 20th Anniversary Reunion.

Talented Stourbridge guitarist and singer/songwriter Sunjay Brayne is also on the bill along with Rory McLeod, Nick Harper, Kim Lowings & The Greenwood and Dirty Old Folkers.

Tickets are £22.50 and for more information visit [www.katiefest.co.uk](http://www.katiefest.co.uk)



Stourbridge singer songwriter Sunjay Brayne

### Taking lid off Jam's classic LP

THE music of the mods and classic anthems of the new wave punk scene will soon be pounding out at two key Midland venues.

The Jam bass player Bruce Foxton and his band From The Jam will be performing the classic album All Mod Cons in its entirety at Birmingham Town Hall on September 19, then The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton Civic Centre, on December 12.

The gigs are part of a three month tour marking the 35th anniversary of the seminal album's release in 1978 which spawned enormously influential tunes such as Down In The Tube Station At Midnight and A Bomb In Wardour Street. Bruce says: "The energy in rehearsals is great and we're really looking forward to getting back on the road."

The Jam exploded onto the punk scene in 1977 delivering their ferocious mission statement – debut single In The City – quickly establishing themselves as the sound of The British youth. In 2000, Q magazine placed All Mod Cons at Number 50 in its list of the 100 Greatest British Albums Ever.



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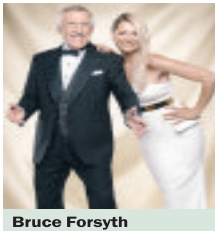


# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 7.09.13

Listings supplied by Press Association

### CHOICE



Bruce Forsyth

#### Strictly Come Dancing 2013

**BBC1, 6.50pm**  
We don't want to tread on the twinkles of the couples over on ITV's Stepping Out, but Britain's most high-profile celebrity dance contest is back – well sort of. We'll have to wait for the contest to start in earnest, but this star-studded launch will give us a taste of what's in store. Everyone from Desperate Housewife Teri Hatcher to Hairly Biker Dave Myers has been rumoured to be in the running, but Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly will finally be revealing which celebs will be joining confirmed contestant Vanessa Feltz on the dance floor.

### BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. **Weather.** **12.10** Live Formula 1. Italian Grand Prix Qualifying. **2.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** That Puppet Game Show. **5.40** BBC News: Regional News. **Weather.** **6.00** **Pointless Celebrities.** Featuring veteran Blue Peter hosts Peter Purves and John Noakes.

**6.50** **Strictly Come Dancing** **2013.** Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host a red-carpet event introducing this year's 15 celebrities to their professional partners, with music by Rod Stewart and Jessie J.

**8.10** **The National Lottery: Break the Safe.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete in several quiz rounds, with the winners playing for the money in the safe. Includes the National Lottery results.

**9.00** **BBC News:** Weather.

**9.20** **Last Night of the Proms.** Katie Derham presents the grand finale of this year's Proms, live from the Royal Albert Hall, featuring soloists Nigel Kennedy and US operatic star Joyce DiDonato. Continued from BBC2. National Lottery Update.

**10.55** **Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.** With Shappi Khorsandi, Tom Stacey, Steve Hughes and Paul Tonkinson. (R)

**11.25** **Film: The Recruit.** (2003) Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.

**1.15** **Weatherview.** **1.20** **BBC News.**

### BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – Practice One. **8.20** Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – Practice Two. **9.55** Live Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – Practice Three. **11.10** The Sky at Night. (R) **11.30** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.15** Caribbean Food Made Easy. (R) **12.45** Indian Food Made Easy. (R) **1.15** University Challenge. (R) **1.45** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **2.45** Wild China. (R) **3.45** Urban Jungle. **4.15** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Meet the Monkeys: Natural World. (R)

**6.00** **Dragons' Den.** A Glasgow couple try to gain investment in their yoga franchise. (R)

**7.00** **Dad's Army.** An invasion alert causes chaos. (R)

**7.30** **Last Night of the Proms.** Martin Alsop becomes the first woman to conduct the traditional finale, which includes pieces by Vaughan Williams, Massenet, Handel, Rossini, Wagner, Britten and Bernstein. Continues on BBC One 9.20.

**9.05** **Mock the Week.** The comedy quiz returns after a summer break, with Ed Byrne, Stewart Francis and Rob Beckett joining host Dara O Briain and regulars Chris Addison, Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons. (R)

**9.35** **Film: 360.** (2011) Premiere. A businessman struggles with temptation, unwittingly setting off a chain of events with consequences across the world. Drama, starring Anthony Hopkins and Rachel Weisz.

**11.20** **Film: An Unfinished Life.** (2005). Drama, with Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Lopez.

**1.00** This Is BBC Two.

### ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Rallycross. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** FIM World Superbikes 2013. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.50** Saturday Farm. **12.20** TV News: Weather. **12.25** The Dales. (R) **12.55** Midsomer Murders. (R) **2.50** **Film: Mr Bean's Holiday.** (2007) **4.30** The X Factor. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

**6.00** **New You've Been Framed!** Featuring lookalikes of Alan Titchmarsh and George Michael.

**6.30** **Stepping Out.** The celebrities and their partners take on bhangra, line-dancing and the rumba.

**8.00** **The X Factor.** The closed-room auditions continue as more hopefuls queue up to sing in front of Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

**9.00** **Through the Keyhole.** Jonathan Ross and Denise Van Outen join Dave Berry on the panel as Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges them to guess the identities of the famous occupants.

**10.00** **TV News:** Weather.

**10.15** **Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army.** (2008) Action fantasy sequel directed by Guillermo del Toro, starring Ron Perlman.

**12.25** **Jackpot247.** **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Rallycross. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** FIM World Superbikes 2013. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.50** Saturday Farm. **12.20** TV News: Weather. **12.25** The Dales. (R) **12.55** Midsomer Murders. (R) **2.50** **Film: Mr Bean's Holiday.** (2007) **4.30** The X Factor. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

**6.15** **Come Dine with Me.** (R)

**6.45** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.05** **Double Your House for Half the Money.** Sarah Beeny visits a couple whose cottage in Ardens Grafton, Warwickshire, has been extended gradually over time. (R)

**8.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows a project to transform a classic 1920s cinema in South Yorkshire into a family home, complete with a hydraulic glass wall that opens up one side of the house. (R)

**9.00** **Film: Insidious.** (2010) Premiere. A family driven from their home by a haunting discover the spirits have followed them and have put their son into a coma. Horror, starring Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne.

**11.05** **Film: Don't Be Afraid of the Dark.** (2010) Premiere. Horror, starring Bailee Madison.

**1.00** Derren Brown: The Guilt Trip. (R) **2.00** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.15** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.05** Countdown. (R) **5.50** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.35** Sluggert. **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **12.30** Highland Emergency. (R) **1.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.00** **Film: Columbo: Ransom for a Dead Man.** (1971) Drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.00** **Film: The Way West.** (1967) Western, starring Kirk Douglas, Robert Mitchum and Sally Field.

**6.20** **Film: North Sea Hijack** (1979) Thriller, with Roger Moore and James Mason. Edited for violence.

**8.00** **5 News Weekend.**

**8.05** **NCIS.** The team investigates the murder of a marine working for the Defence Intelligence Agency who was blamed for the disappearance of 500 specialised rifles in Afghanistan. (R)

**9.00** **NCIS.** An investigation into the death of a seaman leaves the investigators wondering whether Gibbs is about to leave NCIS again, and Ziva introduces her new boyfriend to her team-mates. (R)

**10.00** **Celebrity Big Brother.** The remaining housemates embark on their final week, knowing only one of them can be crowned Celebrity Big Brother winner on Friday night.

**11.00** **Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour. Last in the series.

**12.00** **Supercasino.** **3.55** **Wildlife SOS.** (R) **4.20** **Make It Big.** (R) **4.50** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.05** **Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.20** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.25** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.50** **Hana's Helpline.** (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Robin Hood **8.30** World's Craziest Fools **9.00** **Film: Road Trip** (2000). Comedy, starring Brackley Meyer, Tom Green and Seann William Scott. **10.30** Family Guy **11.20** American Dad! **BBC Four**  
**7.00** Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **9.00** The Young Montalbano **11.00** Mr Blue Sky: The Story of Jeff Lynne and ELO **ITV2**  
**4.35** **Film: Small Soldiers** (1998) **6.45** **Film: Twister** (1996). Action thriller, starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Including FV1 Daily. **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** **Celebrity Juice** **10.45** The X Factor **11.50** The Xtra Factor **ITV3**  
**3.35** Wycliffe **4.45** Inspector Morse **6.55** Foyle's War. An organised crime racket is investigated. **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Wire in the Blood **ITV4**  
**2.25** **Film: Escape to Victory** (1981) **4.45** **Film: Every Which Way But Loose** (1978) **7.00** **Cycling: Vuelta a Espana** **8.00** Hornblower **10.15** **Film: The Krays** (1990). Gangster biopic, starring Gary and Martin Kemp. **E4**  
**5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Suburgatory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** **Film: Lake Placid** (1999) **10.40** The Big Bang Theory **11.40** The Inbetweeners **Film4**  
**3.00** Aliens in the Attic (2009) **4.40** The Searchers (1956) **7.00** The Wedding Planner (2001) **9.00** Mission: Impossible III (2006) **11.25** The Hills Have Eyes 2 (2007)

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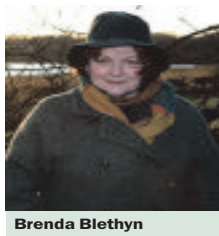
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## SUNDAY'S TV 8.09.13

## CHOICE



Brenda Blethyn

Vera  
ITV, 9pm

We're constantly being told that exercise is good for us. However, being a sports fanatic doesn't seem to have done Gideon Frane any good. He's the latest victim whose death is investigated by DCI Vera Stanhope. Frane's charred remains are found after he fell from a Northumberland cliff top in a ball of flames, and it turns out he'd recently received a letter stating he should burn in hell. A further delve into his activities reveals his ex-girlfriend, Izzy Rawlins, had made several complaints against him, claiming he was stalking her. Is she behind Frane's demise?

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live 2013. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** BBC News. Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: The Italian Grand Prix. **3.15** Victoria Wood's Nice Cup of Tea. (R) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Britain's Big Wildlife Revival.

**6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**7.00** **Countryfile**. Matt Baker meets the artists inspired by the village of Staithes on the North Yorkshire coast. Adam Henson reveals the versatility of wheat and Tom Heap investigates solar power.

**8.00** **Antiques Roadshow**. Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to the seafloor at Eastbourne, East Sussex, where items include a collection of Victorian toy soldiers and an early digital watch. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

**9.00** **What Remains**. Len begins to uncover the truth about the fragile lives of the residents and it seems he has made a breakthrough when one of them admits to having had a relationship with Melissa.

**10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** **Room 101 - Extra Storage**. With Craig Revel Horwood, Sheila Hancock and Jon Richardson. Last in the series. (R)

**11.05** **That Puppet Game Show**. With Vernon Kay and Mel Giedroyc. (R)

**11.45** **Film: Fame**. (1980) Musical drama, starring Irene Cara. **1.55** Weatherwise. **2.00** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** **Film: Desert Passage**. (1952) **7.00** **Film: They Live By Night**. (1948) **8.30** **Around the World in 80 Days**. (R) **9.30** **The Beechgrove Garden**. **10.00** **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites**. **11.30** **The Incredible Spice Men**. (R) **12.00** **What to Eat Now**. (R) **12.30** **EastEnders**. (R) **2.25** **Coast**. (R) **2.45** **Sailing: America's Cup Highlights**. **3.30** **Burghley Horse Trials**. **5.30** **Flog It!** (R)

**6.30** **Iolo's Great Welsh Parks**

**7.00** **The Great British Bake Off**. Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood assess the contestants' 'dessert-making skills, challenging them to prepare trifles, floating islands of meringue on creme anglaise, and petits fours. (R)

**8.00** **Dragons' Den**. One of the Dragons picks up a saxophone to join in with a musical pitch, and a Hull-based entrepreneur faces the panel to try to raise interest in her all-pink car-care range.

**9.00** **The Story of the Jews**. Simon Schama examines the struggle of medieval Jews to preserve their identity under Christian and Islamic rulers and tells the story of their mass expulsion from Spain in 1492.

**10.00** **QI XL**. With Sara Pascoe, Jack Whitehall and David Mitchell.

**10.45** **Blackadder the Third**. The Duke of Wellington challenges the prince to a duel. Last in the series. (R)

**11.15** **Film: Shifty**. (2008) Drama, starring Riz Ahmed and Daniel Mays.

**12.40** **Sigh Zone: Countryfile**. (R) **1.35** **Holby City**. (R) **2.35** **This Is BBC Two**.

## ITV

**6.00** **CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou**. **6.10** **Matt Hatter Chronicles**. (R) **6.35** **Dino Dan**. (R) **6.50** **Dino Dan**. (R) **7.00** **Animals**. (R) **7.10** **Animals**. (R) **7.15** **Animals**. (R) **7.25** **Sooty**. **7.35** **Fish Hooks**. **7.50** **Horrid Henry**. (R) **8.00** **Bottom Knockers**. **8.15** **Bottom Knockers**. **8.30** **Country House**. **8.45** **Country House**. **9.25** **Ade in Britain**. (R) **10.20** **Murder, She Wrote**. (R) **11.20** **ITV News: Weather**. **11.35** **Film: Columbo: Murder - A Self Portrait**. (1989) **1.35** **Dinner Date**. (R) **2.35** **The X Factor**. (R) **3.40** **Big Star's Little Star**. (R) **4.45** **Film: Land of the Lost**. (2009)

**6.30** **Regional Programme: Weather**

**6.45** **ITV News: Weather**

**7.00** **Coronation Street**. Hour-long episode. The factory workers visit Hayley in hospital.

**8.00** **The X Factor**. Invited to Wembley Arena for their second auditions, the singers who have already impressed the judges now have to show they can entertain a huge audience. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

**9.00** **Vera**. Delving into the past of an extreme sports fan who has plunged from a cliff in a ball of flames, Vera uncovers a lifetime of bullying and an unexpected story of rough justice.

**11.00** **ITV News: Weather**

**11.15** **The Unforgettable Leslie Crowther**. A profile of the game-show host. (R)

**11.45** **Premiership Rugby Union**. Action from the opening round of top-flight fixtures.

**12.40** **The Store**. **2.40** **Motorsport UK**. **3.30** **ITV Nightscreen**. **5.05** **The Jeremy Kyle Show**. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** **The Hoobs**. (R) **6.35** **Ironman 2013**. **7.05** **American Football: Hard Knocks**. (R) **8.00** **Everybody Loves Raymond**. (R) **8.30** **Fraser**. (R) **9.00** **Fraser**. (R) **9.30** **Sunday Brunch**. **12.30** **The Big Bang Theory**. (R) **12.55** **The Big Bang Theory**. (R) **1.25** **The Simpsons**. (R) **1.55** **The Simpsons**. (R) **2.25** **Film: Bugsy Malone**. (1976) **4.15** **Location, Location, Location**. (R) **5.20** **Film: Stardust**. (2007) Fantasy adventure, with Charlie Cox, Claire Danes, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robert De Niro and Mark Strong.

**7.40** **Channel 4 News**

**7.55** **The Political Stot**. Plaid Cymru MEP Jill Evans explains how she thinks European support is helping to combat poverty and unemployment in rural Wales.

**8.00** **The Rise of Hitler**. Part one of two. Documentary following the Fuhrer's ascent to power, beginning with his early years and the coup he attempted in 1923, which resulted in his imprisonment.

**9.00** **Film: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy**. (2011) Premiere. A former intelligence operative is brought out of retirement to investigate the possibility of a Soviet mole in MI6. Cold War thriller, with Gary Oldman and Colin Firth.

**11.30** **Alan Carr: Chatty Man**. Jamie Foxx and Channing Tatum talk about their new film *White House Down*. David Walliams chats about his BBC One sitcom *Banana*. School and girl group Mutya Keisha Siobhan perform. (R)

**12.30** **8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits**. (R) **1.15** **American Football Live**. **4.45** **Ironman 2013**. (R) **5.15** **Deal or No Deal**. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** **Milkshake! Peppa Pig**. **6.05** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **6.15** **Fifi and the Flowertots**. (R) **6.25** **Bubble Guppies**. (R) **6.35** **The Mr Men Show**. (R) **6.50** **Chloe's Closet**. **7.00** **Roobarb and Custard Too**. (R) **7.05** **Bananas in Pyjamas**. (R) **7.20** **Noddy in Toyland**. (R) **7.35** **Milkshake! Monkey**. (R) **7.40** **City of Friends**. (R) **7.55** **Little Princess**. (R) **8.05** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures**. (R) **8.10** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky**. (R) **8.25** **Angelina Ballerina**. (R) **8.45** **Rupert Bear**. (R) **9.00** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**. (R) **9.10** **Milkshake! Show Songs**. (R) **9.15** **Toby's Travelling Circus**. (R) **9.30** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **9.45** **Jelly Jamm**. **10.00** **The Mr Men Show**. (R) **10.15** **Power Rangers Samurai**. (R) **10.50** **Sluggert**. (R) **11.00** **Monkeys**. (R) **11.40** **Celebrity Big Brother**. (R) **12.40** **Celebrity BB**. (R) **1.40** **Film: Sabrina the Teenage Witch**. (1996) **3.25** **Film: Pocahontas**. (1995) **5.00** **Film: White Fang**. (1991)

**7.00** **Cricket on 5**. England v Australia.

**8.00** **Once Upon a Time**. Storybrooke's self-destruct mechanism is activated. Last in the series.

**8.55** **5 News Weekend**. **9.00** **Celebrity Big Brother**. A chance to catch up with the latest events.

**10.00** **Film: Mr & Mrs Smith**. (2005)

**12.20** **Film: An American Haunting**. (2005) **1.55** **SuperCasino**. **3.55** **Wildlife SOS**. (R) **4.20** **Make It Big**. (R) **4.50** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm**. (R) **5.05** **Hana's Helpline**. (R) **5.20** **Angels of Jarm**. (R) **5.25** **The Funky Valley Show**. (R) **5.50** **Roary the Racing Car**. (R) **6.50** **Hana's Helpline**. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** **Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Highlights**. **8.10** **Great Movie Mistakes II: Not in 3D**. **8.20** **Film: Ratatouille**. (2007) **10.00** **Family Guy**. **10.45** **Bad Education**. **11.15** **American Dad!**

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** **Mud, Sweat and Tractors**. **8.00** **Ford's Dagenham Dream**. **9.00** **Requiem for Detroit**. **10.15** **Film: Silent Souls**. (2010)

**ITV2**  
**2.50** **Film: Babe: Pig in the City**. (1998) **4.40** **The X Factor**. **5.45** **The Xtra Factor**. **6.50** **Film: Dragonheart**. (1996) **9.00** **The Xtra Factor**. **10.00** **The Big Reunion: On Tour**. **11.00** **Film: American Pie Presents Band Camp**. (2005)

**ITV3**  
**1.50** **Film: The Nun's Story**. (1959) **4.55** **Foyle's War**. **7.10** **Lewis**. A woman's murder is copied from the pages of a novel. **9.00** **Film: Captain Jack's Mandolin**. (2011) **11.40** **Film: Bloody Sunday**. (2002)

**ITV4**  
**1.40** **Film: Northwest Mounted Police**. (1940) **4.15** **Film: Dunkirk**. (1958) **7.00** **Cycling: Vuelta a Espana**. **8.00** **Premiership Rugby Union**. **9.00** **Film: Burn After Reading**. (2008) **11.00** **Film: Scarface**. (1983)

**E4**  
**5.20** **The Mindy Project**. **5.50** **The Big Bang Theory**. **7.15** **New Girl**. **7.45** **Film: The Devil Wears Prada**. (2006) **10.00** **Rude Tube**. **11.00** **The Inbetweeners**. **11.35** **Don't Trust the B\*\*\*\* in Apartment 23**

**Film4**  
**3.05** **James and the Giant Peach**. (1996) **4.40** **The Jewel of the Nile**. (1985) **6.45** **Home Alone 2: Lost in New York**. (1992) **9.00** **The Bank Job**. (2008) **11.10** **Terminal Velocity**. (1994)

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Graduating with honours, Steven undertook a further year's study under the auspices of The Royal College of Surgeons.

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

##### Operation Amsterdam, Channel 4, 4.10am

A stiff-upper-lipped British Army officer engages in a spot of larceny to aid the war effort. Ordered to Amsterdam, he joins forces with two cunning Dutchmen and steals a secret cache of diamonds from a bank vault, thus preventing the gems falling into Nazi hands. Second World War adventure, starring Peter Finch, Tony Britton and Eva Bartok. (1958)

#### TUESDAY

##### The Professionals, Channel 4, 12.50pm

A wealthy Texan hires four mercenaries to rescue his wife, who has been abducted and taken to Mexico by a bandit gang. However, when they find her, she refuses to leave and they have to take her by force – ending in a cross-border chase with the outlaws on their tail. Western adventure, with Burt Lancaster, Lee Marvin, Robert Ryan, Woody Strode, Jack Palance and Claudia Cardinale. (1966)



Sliding Doors, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.20pm

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.20pm

A London woman's entire future hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, presenting two parallel stories featuring the same character. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah and John Lynch. (1998)

#### THURSDAY

##### Elizabeth: The Golden Age, ITV, 10.35pm

Queen Elizabeth I faces threats at home and abroad, as Mary, Queen of Scots plots against her while the King of Spain builds a vast armada to undertake an invasion of England. Unable to reconcile her feelings for the dashing Sir Walter Raleigh with her duty to her country, the monarch engineers a romance between the courtier and one of her ladies-in-waiting. Historical drama sequel, with Cate Blanchett, Clive Owen, Geoffrey Rush and Samantha Morton. (2007)

#### FRIDAY

##### United 93, ITV, 11.05pm

Fact-based drama, re-creating the events on the fourth plane hijacked in the September 11 attacks in 2001. The passengers were by now aware of the destruction at the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon. Realising their plane was about to be used for a similar purpose, they set out to wrest control from the terrorists. Directed by Paul Greengrass and starring Christian Clemenson, Trish Gates, David Alan Basche and Cheyenne Jackson. (2006)

### Pick of the Week

## There's news for the boys on the front line

**T**hink of the First World War and what immediately springs to mind?

Probably the dirt, squalor and misery of life in the trenches, coupled with a massive loss of life.

There are certainly few laughs to be had whenever the conflict is mentioned – unless, of course, you're a massive fan of Blackadder Goes Forth. But that was a fictional sitcom, and the events depicted in this drama are true.

It focuses on Captain Fred Roberts and Lieutenant Jack Pearson who, in 1916, launched The Wipers Times, a newspaper that turned the horrors of warfare into black comedy and satire, raising the morale of the British Tommy's who read it in the process.

This feature-length drama has been something of a labour of love for its writers. Private Eye alumni Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

"Ian had done a radio documentary about the Wipers Times many years ago and he showed me the paper," says Nick. "But when we got talking about it, it was partly the collaboration and the way these two men worked

together that intrigued us. So that was part of the springboard for our fascination with these stories; we imagined it was a bit how we work together."

"And it's the story about a satirical newspaper produced in 1916," adds Ian. "We both work on a satirical newspaper now. The truth is that theirs was funnier and much harder to do."

"We're doing it in Soho most of the time and they were doing it in the worst possible circumstances. They were incredible. To think that in the middle of it all they were sitting there writing jokes and then printing them up is just amazing."

Ben Chaplin plays Roberts who, at the start of the story, is leading his troops through a bombed-out building when he stumbles upon a printing press.

Coincidentally, his sergeant reveals he was a printer before the war, which inspires Roberts to use the press to produce a newspaper.

Called The Wipers Times (after the way in which British soldiers pronounced Ypres), it's full of jokes,

pastiches and spoofs – an approach that upsets some of Roberts' superiors, but gets the full backing of a general who recognises its worth.

Michael Palin, Emilia Fox and Julian Rhind-Tutt also star in this tale which, at times, seems almost too bizarre to be true.

Nick explains: "We've been very lucky because we've got the original facsimile of the original Wipers Times in their entirety. Also we've got a memoir that Fred Roberts wrote long after the war. Everything in the story is true: there's a meeting with Churchill, there are spies, there's all kinds of detail, which was all absolutely true."

"If you watch the film and you think we've made it up, we won't have, it'll be true," claims Ian. "Roberts' life is extraordinary and he wins the Military Cross in the middle of the War for gallantry, just after producing a magazine at the Battle of the Somme."

There are great performances here, and plenty of stiff upper lips on show – expect to be moved, amused and left on the edge of your seat in equal measure.



Ben Chaplin stars in The Wipers Times, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

##### Doc Martin

##### ITV, 9pm

Port Isaac has been a favoured filming locations for years, thanks to projects such as Poldark, The Nightmare Man, and Oscar and Lucinda. However, in recent years the Cornish village has become synonymous with this series. "The number of people who come to see us now is phenomenal, particularly people from America," explains Martin Clunes. The latest good-looking offering should also attract plenty of viewers as the grumpy GP upsets the new childminder and is left holding the baby. Although Mike agrees to look after James at short notice, Louisa is far from happy with the arrangement, which leads to an argument between the newlyweds as their guests, Dennis and Karen Dadds, turn up for dinner.

#### Blackout

##### Channel 4, 9pm

For some of us, even a 30-minute power cut is enough to send us into a panic, but what if the blackout lasted days – would we show a bit of Blitz spirit? That's the question posed by this drama, and the conclusions don't sound particularly reassuring. Drawing on expert advice and meticulous research, Blackout follows the first five days of a catastrophic nationwide power cut, caused by cyber attack on the national electricity grid. What makes the drama feel even more real is the use of 'found footage' as the cast, which comprises professional actors alongside members of the public, are filmed on mobile phones, laptops and camcorders – presumably charged before the outage.

#### TUESDAY

##### Live International Football

##### ITV, 7.15pm

Having faced relative minnows Moldova at Wembley Stadium on Friday in what should have been a straightforward affair, England face a much sterner test of their credentials this evening as they take on Ukraine at the Olympic Stadium in Kiev. This is the final away trip of the campaign for Roy Hodgson's men, who have hardly impressed on their travels, only managing to defeat Moldova and San Marino, and gaining draws in Poland and Montenegro. The sides met in their opening qualifier, when only a late Frank Lampard penalty salvaged a 1-1 draw for the hosts, after Yevhen Konoplyanka had opened the scoring in the first half.

#### The Great British Bake Off

##### BBC2, 8pm

This show doesn't just bring us an array of baked goods that look so tempting they make us want to lick the screen – oh no, it also provides us with a virtually non-stop stream of gentle innuendo. So, Mel and Sue should be in their element this week as the remaining contestants tackle tarts – well, anything that sticks them sticking their elbows in the bakers' muffins, as they did a couple of weeks ago, is bound to be a bonus. The presenters will also be finding out more about the 700-year history of the English custard tart, which also

happens to be this week's technical challenge, and leaves some of our hopefuls looking a bit wobbly.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Big Star's Little Star

##### ITV, 8pm

Back in 1984, Michael Aspel hosted Child's Play, an ITV series which ran for 75 episodes and featured the hilarious observations of kids. (We suspect laughing gas was pumped into the studio considering the reactions of some of the audience members' reactions). That ran for four years and amazingly ITV bosses left the format well alone. However, this offering exploits similar themes designed to embarrass and delight semi-famous celebrities such as Sinitta. The occasional X Factor contributor/I'm A Celebrity... veteran will be appearing with her eight-year-old daughter Magdalena; Robbie Savage and his son

Freddie, 7, and Duncan James plays the game with daughter Tanie-Finn, 8. Apparently the show will be filled with celebrity revelations, funny anecdotes and heart-warming moments.

#### THURSDAY

##### Peaky Blinders

##### BBC2, 9pm

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Doc Martin, Monday, ITV, 9pm

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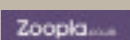
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- Spacious kitchen
- Modernised shower room
- Detached garage to rear
- Parking
- Pleasant rear garden
- Substantial family home
- Energy Rating: F

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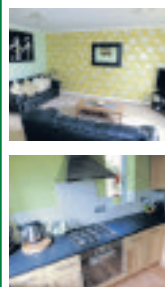
### DUDLEY Holly Road



A three bedroom semi detached property with a beautiful conservatory. Briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc, rear garden and off road parking.

£94,950

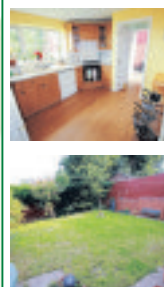
### DUDLEY Five Ways Court



An immaculately presented two bedroom, two bathroom modern first floor apartment. The lounge having high ceilings and far reaching views. It is situated on a secure gated development. The property briefly comprises reception hall, open plan lounge with modern fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite and a family bathroom. The property is sold on a 50% share basis

£51,000

### TIVIDALE Hodges Drive



A beautifully presented four bedroom detached house briefly comprising lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, master bedroom having en-suite, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and off road parking.

£196,995

### TIVIDALE Tower Road



Set in a corner position this three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprises of porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area, utility room, garage and driveway to the rear and gardens to the front, side and rear

£125,000 o/o

### TIVIDALE Elm Terrace



A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

o/o £120,000

### TIVIDALE Oakthorpe Gardens



A modern, first floor maisonette in a cul-de-sac location. Good transport links to Dudley, Birmingham and Wolverhampton. Having fitted kitchen with appliances, two good sized bedrooms, house bathroom/WC with shower over bath. Allocated parking.

£62,500

### DUDLEY St Catherines Close



A three bedroom semi detached house located in this popular area with accommodation briefly comprising of hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area, upstairs bathroom, good sized garden to the rear, driveway to the front.

o/o £110,000

### DUDLEY Oakham Crescent



An amazing three bedroom detached house that has been completely renovated throughout to the highest standard possible. The property briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, open plan kitchen with dining area, three piece bathroom suite, large landscaped garden to the rear, garage to the rear and driveway

£199,950

### DUDLEY Corbyn Road



A beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of entrance hall, through lounge, refitted kitchen, modern bathroom suite, rear garden and off road parking.

£114,950

### NETHERTON Gads Green



A beautifully presented, spacious four bedroom detached property briefly comprising of downstairs WC, lounge with a walk-in-bay, dining room with patio doors to the rear garden, modern fitted kitchen with breakfast area, spacious master bedroom having fitted wardrobes and en-suite, family bathroom, garage with internal access. Delightful large rear garden with a patio area and ample off road parking.

£239,950

### DUDLEY Buffery Road



A beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, delightful rear garden, garage and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended!

£169,950

### TIVIDALE Pine Road



A well presented two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, sun room, white bathroom suite, two good sized bedrooms, rear garden with patio area and side access to the front of the property and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this property!

£118,000

### BRIERLEY HILL Kelling Close



Recently refurbished throughout this three bedroom semi detached house is located in a highly desirable area and briefly comprises of porch, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£134,950

### WOLVERHAMPTON Newhampton Road



A recently converted one bedroom ground floor apartment. Large double bedroom, lounge, brand new dining kitchen, and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, available now for long term rental, no DSS, pets considered.

£425 PCM

### BRIERLEY HILL Commonside



A mid terrace, three bedroom house with double glazing and central heating. It has two reception rooms, a fitted kitchen and downstairs bathroom/WC. Paved garden to the rear, unfurnished.

£450 PCM

### DUDLEY Cromwell Street



A two bed house in a popular location. Lounge with fitted kitchen off. Upstairs has two double bedrooms and a house bathroom with shower over the bath. Off road parking. Unfurnished, available now. DSS considered. No pets, no smokers.

£465 PCM

### DUDLEY Ketley Hill Road



A two bedroom semi detached house. Lounge, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom with shower over bath. Enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished. Available to view now. DSS considered with guarantor.

£485 PCM

### DUDLEY Occupation Street



A two bedroom mid-terrace house with two reception rooms, fitted kitchen and good size bathroom with shower on the 1st floor. Central heating & double glazing. Pleasant rear enclosed garden. Available to view now. No pets.

£495 PCM

### QUARRY BANK High Street



A three bed maisonette above and behind a lockup shop on Quarry Bank High Street. Fitted kitchen, rear utility, lounge, upstairs has house bathroom with shower over bath. Parking to the rear, unfurnished. DSS considered with guarantor

£495 PCM

### TIPTON Holcroft Street



A well presented two bedroom end terrace house with hallway, lounge with dining area, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, good sized garden to the rear and driveway. Unfurnished, available now to view. No Dss. Small pet considered

£525 PCM

### BRIERLEY HILL Leys Road



A pleasant two bed house having fitted kitchen with cooker. Spacious lounge/diner, upstairs house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. No pets. Unfurnished, parking to the rear. Small garden to the front and rear.

£495 PCM

### DUDLEY St Georges Road



Two bedroom semi detached house with lounge, fitted kitchen, utility, conservatory, driveway and garden

£575.00 PCM

### TIPTON Queens Road



A 3 bedroom semi detached house, good sized lounge, modern fitted kitchen/diner, conservatory to rear, house bathroom/WC upstairs. Rear garden, off road parking to the front. Unfurnished. No DSS, no pets.

£595 PCM

### CRADLEY HEATH Compton Road



A three bed mid terrace house with lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen. Three good sized bedrooms with a further storage room, house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath downstairs. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets.

£625 PCM

### DUDLEY Hackett Drive



A splendid, brand new semi detached property on the popular Keep Moat site in Dudley, with double glazing and central heating, and fitted out to a very high standard. Briefly comprising downstairs WC, modern fitted kitchen, lounge/diner with access to rear garden. First floor has a double and single bedroom and house bathroom/WC, the second floor has the master bedroom with en-suite shower/WC off. Unfurnished, available for long term let. No pets, no DSS

£650 PCM



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**COSELEY**



**NEW**

Summerhill Road

- A DETACHED bungalow
- Enhanced and upgraded throughout
- Breakfast kitchen • Large Conservatory
- Lounge & Dining Room
- One bedroom (can be converted back into a two bedroom)
- Delightful & landscaped gardens
- Secure parking through electronic gates
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £229,950

**SEDGLEY**



Elthorne Road

- A most impressive detached residence.
- In walking distance to Sedgley Village
- Spacious accommodation
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four double bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Viewing essential
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £229,950

**LOWER GORNAL**



Rostin Avenue

- A Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Positioned on a substantial plot
- Extended to the side
- Lounge & Dining Room/Breakfast Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Separate W.C.
- Garage & Rear Garden
- Off Road parking to the front
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £200,000

**SEDGLEY, SEDGLEY**



High Park Crescent

- A semi-detached full of charm & character
- Impressive full height hallway
- Modern breakfast kitchen
- Open plan style dining room
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Garage and driveway parking
- No UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £199,950

**COSELEY**



**NEW**

Pear Tree Lane

- A Traditional semi-detached property
- Having been updated and enhanced
- High standard & modern accommodation
- Lounge & Dining Kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Driveway with parking for 2 cars
- NO/NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £180,950

**LANESFIELD**



**REBUILT**

Lane Road

- Immaculately presented TWO bed detached bungalow
- Enhanced throughout
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Modern kitchen & Bathroom
- Low maintenance gardens
- Off road parking
- EPC - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

**LOWER GORNAL**



Wincor Croft

- Modern style semi, quiet cul-de-sac
- High standard of accommodation
- Extended living space
- Kitchen with dining area
- Lounge and conservatory
- Three bedrooms, en-suite to master
- Garage built, converted to storage space
- Parking for several cars
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

**LOWER GORNAL**



**REBUILT**

Humphrey Street

- A spacious Detached family home
- In a quiet and convenient location
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Three good size bedrooms
- Garage with utility facilities
- Excellent size rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Some updating required
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £155,000

**WEST BROMWICH**



York Crescent

- A Modern style semi-detached property
- Immaculately presented accommodation
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Guest cloakroom • Lounge
- Three bedrooms • En-suite to Master
- Family bathroom with white suite
- Garage & driveway parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950

**SEDGLEY**



**NEW**

Dumbleberry Avenue

- A traditional 'Buckton' style property
- On the sought after Reservoir Estate
- Convenient for Sedgley Centre
- Fabulous open view to the rear
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Garage
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £153,950

**COSELEY**



**REBUILT**

Clifton Street

- £5,000 PRICE REDUCTION
- A good size detached bungalow
- Positioned on a large plot
- Some updating required
- Open plan dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Double garage and driveway
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £142,950

**COSELEY**



**NEW**

Dimmocks Avenue

- A spacious semi-detached property
- High standard accommodation
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Extended modern breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms & family bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Driveway with parking for 2 cars
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £135,950

**UPPER GORNAL**



Valley Road

- A Modern semi-detached property
- Extended accommodation
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory, Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite & bathroom
- Garage and drive
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £135,950

**COSELEY**



**NEW**

Kaite Drive

- A Modern semi-detached property
- Offering spacious accommodation
- Lounge and through dining room
- Three bedrooms & Bathroom
- Private rear garden with sunny aspect
- Driveway and garage
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950

**TIPTON**



**NEW**

Brimham Close

- A well presented semi-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Spacious accommodation
- Extended lounge / dining
- Modern Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Garage & Off road parking
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

**SEDGLEY**



Tipton Street

- A traditional terrace property
- In walking distance to Sedgley Centre
- Double living space
- Dining room, Lounge
- Kitchen & Utility room
- THREE bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Viewing is recommended
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £123,950

**GORNAL WOOD**



The Spinney

- A spacious end of Town House
- Conveniently situated for Gornal Village
- Extended accommodation
- Kitchen and large living/dining room
- FOUR bedrooms
- Fourth bedroom is left with en-suite
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Garage
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,950

**SEDGLEY**



Raven Road

- A spacious semi-detached property
- Conveniently situated in Sedgley
- Three good size bedrooms
- Through Kitchen Diner
- Utility & downstairs W.C.
- Brick built outhouse/store
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,950

**SEDGLEY**



**NEW**

Castle Street

- A DECEPTIVELY spacious terrace
- In walking distance to Sedgley Village
- Updated and refurbished throughout
- Three good size bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen extension
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £117,500

**HURST HILL, COSELEY**



Clifton Street

- A An impressive and terraced property
- Enhanced throughout
- Spacious Dining room
- Lounge with feature wood burner
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Delightful rear garden
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £117,000

**UPPER GORNAL**



Quarry Drive

- A well presented semi-detached
- Convenient location for Gornal & Sedgley
- Enhanced and upgraded accommodation
- Extended dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,950

**WOLVERHAMPTON**



Durberville Road

- ideal property for a 1ST time buyer
- Well presented traditional style semi
- Lounge to the front
- Rear sitting room with open plan dining area
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Most delightful rear gardens
- Off road parking
- EPC Rating - E

PRICE £109,950

**BRADLEY**



Densham Walk

- A Modern end of Town House
- Extended and enhanced
- Three good size bedrooms
- Lounge and open plan dining kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Private rear garden
- Upvc double glazing
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

**LOWER GORNAL**



Shedwell Drive

- A well presented terrace property
- Spacious accommodation
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Utility Room & Guest W.C.
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- Modern Bathroom
- Some general updating required
- Low maintenance rear garden
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £87,500

**DUDLEY**



Limes Road

- A Modern semi-detached property
- Conveniently situated for Dudley Town Centre
- Kitchen & good size lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking for 4 cars
- Low maintenance rear garden
- ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - D

£85,950

**BILSTON**



**NEW**

Ashley Street

- A well presented mid-terrace cottage
- Conveniently located for Bilston
- Two double bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £85,950

**PARK ROAD, LOWER GORNAL**



Parkhouse Gardens

- A BRAND NEW development
- 5 Bungalows remaining
- High standard and contemporary
- OPEN PLAN style living space
- Luxury breakfast kitchen
- ALLOCATED PARKING
- Rear garden with sunny aspect
- ideal for independent individuals
- EPC Rating - B

£89,950

**COSELEY**



**NEW**

Skidmore Road

- Excellent sized THREE bed semi
- Some cosmetic updating required
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen extension & utility
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central Heating
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £79,950

**UPPER GORNAL**



**NEW**

Allerwood Rise

- A unique townhouse
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Conveniently situated for Gornal village
- Lounge & Kitchen
- TWO bedrooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central Heating
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £79,950

**UPPER GORNAL**



**REBUILT**

The Arcade

- A SPACIOUS maisonette
- Excellent location for local amenities
- TWO Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen & Dining Room
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- An ideal investment or first time buy
- EPC Rating - E

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An imposing & quite outstanding, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, detached inter-war bungalow of character with remarkable 1960's extension to the side occupying magnificent secluded gardens with private driveway approach. With many fine period features from both the 1930's & the 1960's, and offering TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL the accommodation presently comprises; entrance vestibule, imposing 22'8" reception hall (high ceilings), three generous bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, extended breakfast kitchen, 26'6" through lounge, an entertaining/bar room, and LARGE 'L' SHAPE SNOOKER/RECREATION ROOM. Double garage, extensive grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £315,000

**PENSNETT****The Plantation**

Forming part of this extremely popular and sought after cul-de-sac development, this DISTINCTIVE MUCKLOW SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation which has been thoughtfully altered and improved to offer: Reception Hall, attractive Lounge, separate Dining/Sitting Room with CONSERVATORY EXTENSION off, attractively refitted Kitchen with built-in appliances, Utility Room, Ground Floor WC, USEFUL STORE, rear Porch, THREE SUPERB SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted Bathroom with separate shower. GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With LARGE BLOCK-PAVED DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE REAR GARDEN which provides an attractive and predominantly level setting. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£179,950

**Wordsley****Kinver Street**

Enjoying a generous corner position within this popular and established address, this MODERN DETACHED DORMER STYLE HOME is enhanced by a LARGE 28'11" x 12'1" TANDER GARAGE, together with a DELIGHTFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with attractive brook feature. Internally requiring some cosmetic updating but providing FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: Entrance Porch, pleasant L shaped Lounge-with-Dining Area, Inner Hall with storage, fitted Kitchen with appliances, Bathroom with separate shower, TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED BLOCK-PAVED DRIVEWAY which provides ample off-road parking for several vehicles. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£179,950

**GORNAL WOOD****Himley Road**

A distinctive, highly individual, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow with potential in favoured neighbourhood. The property has been conscientiously maintained over the years, but now requires some sympathetic updating with the accommodation including; porch, 17'8" reception hall, lounge, separate dining room (potential third bedroom?), tiled bathroom, separate toilet, kitchen, two double bedrooms. Imposing foregarden, possible garage space (subject to regulations), and a lengthy rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

**COSELEY****Huntsman Close**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed & meticulously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed detached family home occupying a fine corner plot in favoured "backwater" within walking distance of so many amenities. The elegant accommodation comprises reception hall, reappointed/refitted cloaks/shower room, 17'6" through living room with patio doors & an "American walnut" feature overmantel, spacious dining kitchen with a fine range of units. Three generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite), and a third bedroom with fitted wardrobes/cupboards), reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Lengthy driveway with brick garage, and sheltered landscaped garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £173,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Ladbrook Grove, Straits**

An attractive, significantly modernised/improved & conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated, and recently uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow enviably situated in quiet cul-de-sac convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation comprises; reception hall, 2 double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom, living/dining room, breakfast kitchen. Lengthy driveway, brick garage, virtually south facing rear garden designed to ensure "low maintenance". EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Garden Walk**

A COMPARATIVELY SPACIOUS, Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached CONVENIENTLY SITUATED within walking distance of the village in a "quiet backwater". The stylish accommodation includes; reception hall, fitted cloakroom, L shaped living/dining room (with double opening French doors out to the garden), breakfast kitchen with a fine range of "light beech" effect units & numerous integrated appliances. To the first floor are two generous bedrooms, and a bathroom, and to the Second Floor a superb principal bedroom & separate shower room. Off road parking to front, and rear/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,000

**LOWER GORNAL****Shadwell Drive**

A delightful, extremely well presented, stylish & significantly enhanced, Freehold, primarily gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED just off Grosvenor Road requiring a personal inspection for total appreciation. The outstanding accommodation includes; reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant lounge, dining room, various stores, reappointed kitchen with a fine range of "walnut" effect units. Three generous bedrooms, reappointed/refitted bathroom. Possible garage space (subject to regulations), block paved foregarden and neat rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £118,950

**COSELEY****Berrington Drive**

A Freehold, gas centrally heated, and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached in cul-de-sac just off Ivyhouse Lane conveniently situated for so many amenities, bus/rail transport routes etc. The property comprises; canopy porch (bin store off), entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, and a further store, kitchen, living/dining room, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy drive (garage space subject to regulations), and secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000

**LOWER GORNAL****Boundary Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated, Upvc double glazed semi detached in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation includes; reception hall, enlarged lounge, dining room, kitchen, lobby. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, Block paved foregarden, LENGTHY DRIVE, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £108,000

**SEDGLEY****Lyndon Close**

A Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC single glazed semi detached with potential and LARGE GARAGE upon EXTENSIVE SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER THAN AVERAGE GARDEN at head of short cul-de-sac just off Monument Lane. Accommodation provides; porch, inner hallway, through living room, dining room, kitchen. Two double bedrooms, bathroom. Garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £81,950

**DUDLEY****Priory Close**

An imposing, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family residence that has been significantly upgraded over the years retaining a number of period features set in favoured cul de sac just off The Broadway. Magnificent accommodation includes reception hall (8'7" ceiling height), tiled cloakroom, separate dining room, through 18'6" sitting room with bay & open fireplace, upgraded breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer lobby, utility room, separate w.c. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, recently reappointed/re-fitted bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £255,000

**Swindon****Baldwin Way**

A SUBSTANTIAL EXECUTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE with DOUBLE GARAGE within a HIGHLY DESIRABLE and EXCLUSIVE village location, offering GENEROUS and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, Large Sitting Room, Separate Dining Room, LARGE CONSERVATORY extension, LUXURY REFITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN with appliances, 4 GOOD BEDROOMS, master with EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM, House Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. BROAD DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and a GENEROUS, LEVEL & SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£364,950

**Wall Heath**

Set within LARGE GARDENS and GROUNDS (0.25 acre approx.), backing onto the Brook with field beyond, this SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW provides a LARGE layout of VERSATILE and WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, large lounge, second sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, laundry room, third reception room/bedroom four, ground floor shower room, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM. The property is set beyond the HUGE FRONT/SIDE IN & OUT DRIVEWAY and enjoying a VERY LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS plus TIMBER GARAGE/STORE. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£287,500

**Brook Street****RUSSELLS HALL****NEW PRICE****Quentin Drive**

This most impressive, double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners, and simply MUST BE VIEWED to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, the property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guest WC. Landing with Balcony, three good Bedrooms, Bathroom with separate Shower Cubicle, Garage, Driveway and Rear Garden of good size. EPC rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£184,950

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An absolutely outstanding, particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached enviably situated in favoured backwater within walking distance of country park/schools/village centre. Presented in exemplary order throughout, the accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom & further cloak cupboard, elegant lounge, dining room with French doors out to the garden, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances. Three double bedrooms (principal bedroom with fitted units & reappointed shower room en suite with white/chrome fittings), reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating 'whirlpool' bath & chrome details. Large garage with utility/workroom beyond, neat/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet 'backwater' yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft. reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reappointed/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom). Former garage converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £223,200

**PENSNETT****High Street**

An IMMACULATE TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE set beyond a LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with a VERY LARGE SIDE GARDEN which offers ample space to extend or possibly develop (subject to permission) plus a PRIVATE REAR GARDEN, offering BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation, comprising Reception Hall, Large Lounge with bay, through to Dining Room, LUXURY REFITTED KITCHEN with APPLIANCES, THREE BEDROOMS, LUXURY SHOWER ROOM, GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is enhanced further by the 3TH GARAGE plus useful WORKSHOP/STORE. A RARE OPPORTUNITY. VIEW HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£173,950

**WORDSLEY****Brindley Close****£5,000 REDUCTION**

Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac setting, this IMPROVED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, large Lounge with dining space, full width Conservatory extension, Breakfast Kitchen with built-in appliances, large Utility/Store (originally the garage), THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (Originally four, but Master now with DRESSING AREA & EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and attractive House Bathroom. With LARGE PAVED DRIVEWAY and patio/lawned rear garden which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£204,950

**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE**

Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate

A tremendously EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enviably situated in favoured cul de sac. Stylish accommodation has been 'transformed' since initial purchase & comprises reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, outstanding L-shape breakfast kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £169,950, NOW £165,500

**SEDGLEY**

Queens Road

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character enviably situated within reasonable walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities together with open fields. Superb accommodation includes imposing reception hall ( lofty ceiling height), lounge with bay, transverse 'hub of the house' dining kitchen (with double french doors out to garden), lobby, store, w.c. Three generous bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite with chrome detailing, substantial brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

**COSELEY**

Mason Street

A highly individual, PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached of character (believed to be one of the oldest houses in the neighbourhood) offering tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes: imposing reception hall (18' deep), fitted cloakroom, spacious 21'8" lounge, 21' dining kitchen with uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, bathroom. Potential car port space, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £162,500

**KINGSWINFORD****GROUND FLOOR**

Hawkeswell Drive

Enjoying its own private entrance and pleasantly located within this much sought after modern cul de sac development, this SUPERB, FORMER SHOW HOME, TWO BEDROOM, GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT has been SUCCESSFULLY ENLARGED and BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED to offer reception hall, incredibly spacious, P shaped lounge with dining area, separate dining / study area, attractively fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, en-suite bathroom (off bed 1), luxury en-suite shower room (off bed 2), GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The apartment enjoys an ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACE and SEPARATE VISITOR PARKING is also available. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£159,950

**SWINDON**

Winston Road

A LARGE TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME superbly located within the Swindon Village, surrounded by beautiful countryside, providing VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, 20' x full depth Lounge, family Dining Kitchen, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set beyond the attractive chipped forecourt and, to the rear, enjoying LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950

**LOWER GORNAL**

The Straits

OFFERS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL & occupying a fine corner plot in popular/convenient neighbourhood, a gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached for improvement. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, store, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & BRICK GARAGE to side. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £148,950

**COSELEY**

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

**PENSNETT/LOWER GORNAL BORDERS**

Hunts Mill Drive

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, two (but designed to be three) bedroom semi detached in need of improvement works but offering tremendous potential! Accommodation includes: entrance vestibule, 16'7" reception hall, kitchen, extended 22'9" living/dining room (with patio doors). Two large double bedrooms (possibilities of sub-dividing the larger bedroom), bathroom. Garage, lengthy sheltered/secluded rear garden abutting on to trees, open aspect to front. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,750

**LOWER GORNAL**

Autumn Drive

This beautifully presented, traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and an internal inspection is highly recommended. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance hall, spacious through lounge, refitted kitchen. Three good size bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Driveway and rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

**LANESFIELD**

Clare Crescent

A modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within reasonable distance of so many amenities comprising entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room. To the first floor, three bedrooms, bathroom & separate toilet. BLOCK PAVED FOREGARDEN, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,950

**QUARRY BANK****NEW PRICE**

Thorns Road

Situated in a private service road just off Thorns Road, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached bungalow would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge with bay, kitchen, two principal bedrooms, sitting room / bedroom three, wetroom, driveway, and lawned gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 252525

£114,950

**DUDLEY**

Blackthorne Road

This conscientiously maintained, considerably improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, guests w.c. three bedrooms, refitted shower room, handstanding to front & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £109,950

**COSELEY**

Paul Street, Hurst Hill

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL ! An EXTENDED, freehold semi detached in popular/convenient district but now requiring comprehensive refurbishment. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, enlarged 16ft dining room, understair store, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, secluded garden. EPC Rating G. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

**UPPER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

Rubens Close

An attractive, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate 'mews' style starter home in popular neighbourhood convenient for bus/RAIL transport routes. Accommodation provides transverse 18'7" living room incorporating upgraded kitchen with a fine range of units, store, double bedroom, reappointed & re-tiled bathroom with white suite, front garden, allocated parking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £110,000, NOW £105,000

**DUDLEY**

Limes Road

Situated in a quiet cul de sac just off Limes Road, this traditional uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & may especially appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, first floor w.c., driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

**PENSNETT**

Heydon Road

This well presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room / Study, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms, Bathroom with white corner suite, Driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 252525

Offers in the Region Of £94,950

**COSELEY**

Caddick Street

This well presented, gas centrally heated, three bedroom uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is well worthy of an internal inspection. The conscientiously maintained property stands in communal grounds and briefly comprises: secure entrance, welcoming hall, stylish lounge, kitchen, three good bedrooms, and bathroom with a white suite. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £77,950

**COSELEY****NEW PRICE**

Evergreen Close

A stylish, exceptionally well presented, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate 'mews' style starter home in popular neighbourhood convenient for bus/RAIL transport routes. Accommodation provides transverse 18'7" living room incorporating upgraded kitchen with a fine range of units, store, double bedroom, reappointed & re-tiled bathroom with white suite, front garden, allocated parking. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £71,950, NOW Offers in excess of £68,000



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•EPC Rating C•Detached Property•Lounge/Dining Room•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Drive•Elevated Views To The Rear

**£160,000**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**LOWER GORNAL****GROSVENOR ROAD**

•EPC C•A Three Bedroom Dormer Bungalow•Two Ground Floor Bedrooms,Dormer Bedroom One•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Kitchen•Conservatory•Garage To Rear•Rear Garden

**Offers Over**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY****FOURWINDS ROAD**

•EPC Rating Awaited•An Improved & Extended Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room•Extended Fitted Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

**£94,950**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIVIDALE****KINGS AVENUE**

•EPC Rating D•An Extended Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room•Extended Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•Drive

**£112,950**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIPTON****LARA GROVE**

•EPC Rating D•Modern Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms•Lounge Overlooking Rear Garden•Fitted Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Gardens To Side & Rear•Driveway Parking

**£107,500**

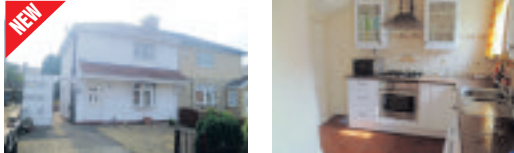
DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**UPPER GORNAL****VALLEY ROAD**

•EPC Rating D•An Extended Semi Detached Property•Two Bedrooms•Loft Room Used As Bedroom Three•Lounge•Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Extended Utility/Games Room To Ground Floor•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

**£114,950**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY****MARIGOLD CRESCENT**

•EPC Rating Awaited•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen Diner•Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Drive•No Chain

**£84,950**

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**01384 455000****DUDLEY****WARRENS HALL ROAD**

•EPC Rating Awaited•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Ground Floor Extended Utility Room & Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Block Paved Drive

**£124,950**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY****POPLAR AVENUE**

•EPC Rating C•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden

**£114,950**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIPTON****BERNARD ROAD**

•Spacious Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Refurbished•Close to Local Bus Stops•EPC Rating D

**£545**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY****IVANHOE STREET**

•EPC Rating Awaited•An Improved Mid Terraced Property•Two Bedrooms•First Floor Bathroom•Gas Central Heating•Double Glazing•DSS Considered

**£450 PM**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY****SPRING PARKLANDS**

•EPC Rating D•An Improved Two Bedroom Bungalow•Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Double Glazed•Central Heating•Drive

**£650 PCM**

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**WANTED****2 BED MODERN****PROPERTIES NEEDED IN****DUDLEY UPTO £525****TENANTS WAITING****NETHERTON****ROUND STREET**

•EPC Rating D•An Improved End Terrace•Two Double Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Refitted Kitchen Having Integrated Appliances•Ground Floor Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Rear Garden•No

**£495**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY****HILARY CRESCENT**

•EPC Rating E•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Dining Room•Kitchen•Ground Floor Toilet & Utility Room•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Drive•Available

**£595**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIVIDALE****DUDLEY ROAD WEST**

•EPC Rating Awaited•Three Bedroom End Terraced Property•Lounge•Dining Room•Kitchen•Cloakroom

**£550 PM**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**TIPTON****FERGUSON DRIVE**

•EPC Rating D•A Two Bedroom Apartment•Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom•Allocated Parking•Electric Heating•Double Glazing

**£445**

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

**DUDLEY****MERRYFIELD ROAD**

•EPC Rating D•A Greatly Improved First Floor Flat•One Double Bedroom Having Fitted Wardrobes•Updated Kitchen•Lounge Having Laminated Flooring•Double Glazing•DSS CONSIDERED•NO PETS

**£425 PCM**

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•EPC Rating D•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Through Lounge/Dining Room•Kitchen•Double Glazing•Central Heating•Drive

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  - Integrated appliances
  - Ground floor bedroom extension • En-suite
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- OFFERS BASED ON £132,500**

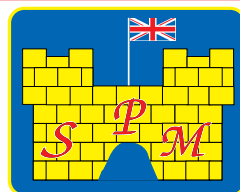
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#### WORDSLEY



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#### PENSNETT



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**£450 pcm**  
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#### SEDGLEY



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**RANGWAYS ROAD**  
**£495 pcm**  
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**£410 pcm**  
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**£375 pcm**  
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#### BRIERLEY HILL



**BISELL WAY**  
**£395 pcm**  
First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking

#### WORDSLEY



**TACK FARM ROAD**  
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£130,000



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## Warrens Hall Road Dudley

£124,950



A three bedroom semi detached house with no upward chain, garage, off road parking, kitchen/diner, utility, w.c., lounge, upstairs bathroom. Energy Rating TBC

## Corser Street Dudley

£114,950



A fully modernised bay fronted three bedroom mid terrace property in a cul-de-sac location ideal for first time buyers, kitchen/diner, parking. Energy Rating D

## Uxbridge Close Lower Gornal

£109,950



A three bedroom property benefits from double glazing, central heating. Must be viewed to appreciate. Energy Rating C

## Dibdale Street Dudley

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A spacious two bedroom modernised property which must be viewed, two bedrooms, two reception rooms, upstairs bathroom Energy Rating TBC

## Kings Avenue Tividale

£100,000



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# Motoring

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## You'll be sitting pretty with new smaller and lighter C4 Picasso

By Ian Donaldson

**A BIT smaller, a bit lighter, a bit more economical and a bit more room for people and things. That's the new C4 Picasso as it updates a very successful formula.**

Building on a line of people carriers that began with the Xsara Picasso in 1999, the newcomer adds a touch of style – inside and out – to a class of car that has to major on sense over looks and can easily end up simply dull.

This latest C4 Picasso is anything but boring to look out, doing a good job of hiding the practicality demanded by the young families that are going to take a huge slice of sales.

Inside, with two big screens to look at and the possibility of adding a roof with so much glass it feels like living in a conservatory, the sense of style continues apace. Citroën

licences the Picasso name from the estate of the 20th century artist (at a never revealed cost) and you hope he might approve, given a sight of the car wherever his spirit resides right now. Priced from £17,500 to £24,445, the car is the first Citroën built on a new platform (the most expensive piece of a car to design and build) that we'll see under lots of Citroëns and Peugeot's in the years ahead.

### Sibling

A longer Grand Picasso, with seven seats over three rows, arrives in January next year and, if past sales are a guide, will sell more than twice as many in the UK as its smaller sibling.

Citroën was careful to get over the message that the C4 Picasso was more about family practicality than sporting fun before it let the press in its new baby, and it's certainly no contender for pole at Silverstone.

Thank goodness, I say, for a car designed for family life and not weighed down by absurd expectations from a marketing department living in cloud cuckoo land. So it was good to

discover that the air conditioning coped on the hottest day of the year, so hot that stepping out of the car felt like entering a burning house while being gently sprayed with warm water.

A pity, though, that the ride turned unpleasantly pattery over some of the non-descript roads around the launch venue in north London. You can choose a petrol engine in your C4 Picasso, but almost no-one will, going for the diesel option instead. The 92 horsepower version in the test car (a 115hp unit is also available) was peppy enough (106mph, 0-62mph in 12.9 seconds), although the 46mpg recorded on the trip computer was way off the 67mpg returned in the official, but unrealistic, tests the car had to be put through.

The VTR+ plus trim will be the most popular choice in the C4 Picasso line and includes rear parking sensors and a DAB radio on top of cruise control, alloy wheels and dual-zone air conditioning. Practical aspects range from three same-sized rear seats that slide to increase boot room and a front passenger seat that folds flat.



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Seamlessly connecting design and technology, the new Note – which is built at Nissan's Sunderland plant – brings a number of innovative premium features to the small car market for the first time. From the Nissan Safety Shield – which links three safety systems to create a comprehensive protection and driver assistance package – to the advanced around view monitor which gives a 360-degree bird's eye view when parking, the new Note sets the benchmark for accessible premium technology.

Joining the Note in Nissan's exciting small car range is the new Micra. With



Nissan's new Note features the advanced Safety Shield protection package

over 30 years of history and sales of over six million units to date, the Micra remains one of Nissan's most recognizable and popular cars around the world.

In typical Nissan style, the new Micra benefits from a raft of new innovations and design touches designed specifically to make life easier and more enjoyable. Nissan's latest Connect navigation and communication centre joins the range, while a new and expanded set of personalization options gives buyers the opportunity

to create their perfect Micra. Nissan's drive to deliver advanced engineering to all its B-segment offerings is further demonstrated by the arrival of a new Juke diesel.

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## Shake-up puts side through cup clash

**FA Cup Preliminary Round**  
**Tivdale 3 W-ton Casuals 0**  
TIVDALE moved into the FA Cup first qualifying round and an away tie at Coventry Sphinx with an efficient if not spectacular display against WMRL, side Wolverhampton Casuals.

It finally took some positional musical chairs to provide a breakthrough on 36 minutes. Wardle cut in from the right to score.

Tivdale were now all over their visitors and on 41 minutes Stuart How broke free and was one-on-one with Stephen Jackson when centre half George Williams hauled him down in the box.

Richard Gardner had no choice but to point to the spot and show him a red. How dispatched the penalty. Casuals made an immediate second-half substitution replacing Chris Russell with Ian Boswell.

After chances were created and squandered it was not until the final minute when the home side extended their lead with a well-deserved third goal.

This time it was substitute Nathan Waite who scored.

## Club boss keeps feet on ground

**WILL POTTINGER** is keeping his feet firmly on the ground despite leading his Dudley side to the top of the table for the third time in four seasons ahead of the play-offs.

An excellent away win over Coventry on Friday plus a defeat for second placed Mildenhall at Buxton mathematically confirmed the Heathens will finish top.

Heathens face King's Lynn in the first leg of their Knockout Cup semi-final at Monmore on September 10.

They also head to bitter rivals Mildenhall this Sunday with a 4.30pm start.

Meanwhile Heathens fans are urged to snap up their tickets fast for the end of season presentation party on November 15.

The club have announced a new venue for the event – the Copthorne Hotel, Level Street, Brierley Hill.

Tickets are £10 and over 100 have already been sold.

It's available from the club shop on race night or you can go online to [www.dudleyheathens.co](http://www.dudleyheathens.co).

# Hat-trick hero Dan's the man for Town



Danny Ashton

### Tipton 5 Alvechurch 1

A GREAT performance by hat-trick hero Danny Ashton got Tipton Town's MFA campaign back on track after the weekend's disappointment against Rochester.

While, at the weekend, the Rochester goal had appeared to be enjoying some form of supernatural support, Tipton found themselves enjoying a huge dose of good fortune in the game's early stages. Just six minutes in, a Rob Perks corner from the left was hurled into the net by Alvechurch keeper Liam Maher.

With the visitors reeling from the early blow, Tipton doubled their lead

### Tipton Town

on nine minutes when Marvin Nisbett was pushed in the area and Ashton stepped up to slot home from the spot.

A side of the quality of Alvechurch were always likely to hit back and the impressive Oman Sterling-James left James Pemberton in the Tipton goal rooted to the spot as his 25-yard scorcher bounced off the upright.

Alvechurch continued their resurgence with Sterling-James causing problems all night and only another

excellent performance by Paul Henley keeping him under control. With half time approaching, the livewire striker produced a great save from Pemberton as he jinked and swivelled his way into the Tipton penalty area and to the byeline.

Far from comfortable at half-time, the early stages of the second half suggested the game may swing back towards the visitors. A seemingly harmless ball into the Tipton box resulted in mass panic and ended with Curtis Tilt putting past his own keeper on 55 minutes.

However, Tipton didn't know they

were on their heels and just 11 minutes later Tilt made amends at the other end with a towering header from Lee Wherton's corner to make it 3-1.

The lead was extended on 73 minutes when Henley was fouled and Ashton once again stepped up to drill his freekick through the Alvechurch wall and past the helpless Maher to give him his second.

Just five minutes later, Ashton completed his hat-trick in the most spectacular fashion, stepping up to fire a 25-yard free kick up and over the wall, dipping into the top left hand corner to leave the legions of

# Single strike is enough to take Tipton through

**FA Cup Preliminary Round**  
**Tipton Town 1 Stratford Town 0**  
**FACING a daunting home tie against last season's Midland Alliance League champions** Tipton Town found a team full of heroes to grab the victory.

Early pressure and inroads by Stratford were confidently repelled by the home defence before the home side began to generate some attacking prowess of their own.

Marvin Nisbett was unlucky to see his point blank header turned aside by visiting keeper, Sam Brady.

Tipton, growing ever more in confidence began to take the game to Stratford.

Mensah Kimch then tested Brady with a lofted header before stronger attacks upon the visitor's goal involving Lee Wherton, midweek hat-trick hero, Danny Ashton, and Nisbett again tested the visitor's resolve before the half came to a close.

### Beating

Manager Ian Rowe, and his support staff had clearly instilled into their charges that they had the beating of their more Senior opponents during the half-time break and, in fact, the home side continued to dominate much of the second period.

Mike Perks forced a spectacular save from Brady right at the start of the second half and from the resulting corner kick the midfielder drove home to put Tipton firmly in the driving seat in the 47th minute.

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Stratford rallied and 25-yard drive by Sam Adkins forced a flying save from home keeper, James Pemberton minutes later.

Tipton wide-man Chris Rabone, benefitting from increasing support from Wherton and skipper, Chris Waterhouse was creating growing problems for Stratford who were being pushed further back as their goal came under increasing threat.

A free kick by Ashton had keeper Brady well beaten but it hit the visitor's side netting.

With more than 70 minutes gone a sharp retort from Stratford saw Matt West almost profit from a dangerous left wing cross, his clever flick looked a certain equaliser but for the acrobatics of goalkeeper Pemberton.

In the closing moments the game Tipton missed their chance of cementing their victory even further when Ashton saw Brady deny him with a fine penalty save.

## Goals hale down by the dozen as Elite shutout



Halesowen's Angie Morley scores one of a dozen the Yelts Ladies put past Elite in the last of their friendly matches

### Fc Elite 0 Halesowen Ladies12

**HALESOWEN** for their final friendly travelled to Perry Barr to take on FC Elite who are a new side but all experienced players from other teams last year.

Without key players Halesowen were forced to make some changes.

Halesowen got off to a bright start playing the ball well around the pitch.

Rachel Letford got Yeltz off to a flyer within five minutes by a perfect cross by Lindsey Glover. Letford made it two two minutes later with a through ball from Haley Chatwin.

Chatwin then forced a defender to put it into her own net. Halesowen

were firmly in control and the home side were under constant pressure.

On two occasions the Yeltz defence was breached but the fantastic keeping of Hannah Tromans kept another clean sheet for Halesowen.

Goals were coming quick and fast. Defender Charlotte Byatt scored a penalty on 35 minutes. Katie Moore scored her first goal with a tremendous volley near half time, Gemma Moss even had time to score.

However, keeper Tromans hurt her hand and had to come off injured.

Second half the players were asked to keep possession rather than go for goal and as requested they passed the

ball well and even then, still the goals kept coming with Glover scoring straight from a corner.

Skipper Glover then put through Chatwin for her second then stand-in keeper Lauren Gilberto's powerful goal kick bounced completely over the defence which allowed Letford her hat-trick.

Angie Morley scored a floating shoot in which there was nothing the keeper could do then wingback Shell Thomas finished the rout with a simple tap in from close range.

Credit to the Elite side they never gave up, but the Yeltz squad was just far to good on the day.

## Dream is still alive as Yeltz grab win

**Black Country Rangers 1**  
**Halesowen Town 2**

**HALESOWEN** got past West Midlands Premier side Black Country to book a home tie with Brocton in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Despite a bright start by the home side, which saw visiting goalkeeper Paul Evans save an Elliot Skelding shot, it was the Yeltz who took the lead on the half hour.

Ben Haseley ran down the right hand side and his cross was converted by Elliot Turner for his second goal for the club after only two games.

Halesowen doubled their lead soon after when Haseley found himself in space in the area and scuffed his effort on goal but the ball trickled over the line.

Haseley almost made it three just before the break but his downward header bounced up and over the bar.

Rangers mounted a second half comeback, and after Evans saved Andy Price's early effort, he could do nothing when Paul Oakley scored on 51 minutes to reduce the arrears.

The Brocton tie will take place on Saturday September 14.

## Top women on cue for open event

**TWO** top women snooker players from Dudley will be looking to take the honours at the British Open on Sunday.

World number one Maria Catalano and nine-time world champion Reanne Evans will be in action at the British Open at Whitley Bay Snooker Centre.

Also on the programme are a Seniors (40+) tournament, an Under-21 competition and a Plate for those not reaching the semi-finals of the main event.

The British Open, last competed for in 2010 and won by Evans, is the first of eight ranking events on the World Ladies Billiards & Snooker Association's £8,400 2013/14 tour.

Cambridge Snooker Centre will host the International Ladies Billiards Championship on September 22. Meanwhile, Hannah Jones and her sister's debut on the WLBSA circuit will mean twin billing for the Derby girls in Whitley Bay.

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## Another painful day for the fans

### Albion 0 Swansea 2

WHAT Albion fans needed was an afternoon of escapism from the grim reality of the transfer window.

What they got was a painful reminder of the problems that have many at The Hawthorns fearing the worst. Another game without a goal or point.

And another occasion that fuelled growing concerns that last season's eighth-place finish is as good as it gets for the Baggies in the Premier League era.

Nicolas Anelka returned to the scene after a brief leave of absence that seemed for several days like it might become a permanent departure. And the 34-year-old had enough encouraging moments to suggest his recruitment might still yield some useful dividends.

Anelka was used against the Swans as the lone central striker as Clarke reverted to the 4-2-3-1 system that worked best for longest last term.

The meeting of the teams had more to commend it to Baggies fans than that horror show in Wales.

It was the Swans who led at the break thanks to full-back Ben Davies. Vorm was never called upon to make a save as any tempo the Baggies had fizzled away in a lethargic second half. Michu teed up Hernandez for an easy second.

## Albion boost keeper spot

ALBION have strengthened their goalkeeping department by recruiting Northern Ireland international Lee Camp.

The Baggies have signed the 29-year-old on a rolling monthly contract until January after Ben Foster was ruled out for up to 12 weeks with a stress fracture in his right foot, which he suffered at Everton nine days ago.

Camp, who was a free agent, has made 349 league appearances during spells at Derby, Burton, QPR, Nottingham Forest and Norwich and also has nine caps for his country.

Goalkeeping coach Dean Kiely has welcomed the addition of Camp, who played three times in the Barclays Premier League for Norwich last term.

"Lee will bring experience and authority to the goalkeeping department," said Kiely.

## Welborn goes head to head as title fight nears

ROWLEY Regis' Jason Welborn and Birmingham's Max Maxwell went head-to-head as the build-up to their British Masters Light Middleweight Title fight gathers momentum.

The pair met at the scene of next week's clash, Walsall Town Hall, and both were in confident mood ahead of Saturday's fight night.

Welborn made an impressive start to life at light middleweight by convincingly beating Poland's Tomasz Mazurkiewicz back in June. Before that, he had operated at welterweight and fought Frankie Gavin for the British Title back in January.

### Boxing

Maxwell has been extremely active over the summer. He fought four times in July, including a 6 x 3 contest with Liam Smith, and gave prospect Ronnie Heffron a tough night when they met at the Motorpoint Arena, on the undercard of Nathan Cleverly's clash with Sergey Kovalev.

Welborn and Maxwell are one of nine intriguing bouts taking place on Errol Johnson's 'Boys From The Black Country: The Aftermath' show'. Walsall's Chris Keane steps in with Remigijus Ziausys for a

second time. The Midlands champion defeated the experienced Lithuanian last March, thanks to a convincing points win.

Stoke lightweight Kevin Hanks takes on evergreen Sid Razak and unbeaten light welterweight prospect Luke Paddock will enjoy a hometown workout against vastly-experienced Nuneaton scrapper, Kristian Laight.

Tipton-born welterweight Anthony Tildesley makes his professional bow against durable South African Bheki Moyo whilst fellow youngster, West Bromwich welterweight Tom Stokes, takes on Bulgarian veteran, Danny Dontchev.

Tipton featherweight, Lee Glover, takes on Pavels Senkovs for a second time. The 'Tipton Slasher' defeated the Latvian on points back in 2010 and will be expecting a similar result when he steps back into the ring for the first time following a near two-year absence.

Impressive Wolverhampton super-featherweight prospect, Des Bowater, faces Chichester's Jonathan Fry and Stafford welterweight, Rob Hunt, takes on Birmingham veteran, Andrew Patterson.

Tickets, priced at £30 and £60 Ringside, are available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900.

## Baggies final day transfers

ALBION smashed their transfer record as they pulled off a potential £12m deadline-night double-deal for Stéphane Sessegnon and Victor Anichebe.

Sunderland forward Sessegnon became the Baggies' new record signing with a £5.5m switch from Wearside but Anichebe could break the record again with his move from Everton set to eventually hit £6m.

The Baggies went on a final-day spending spree after slumping to the foot of the Premier League and finally offloaded want-away striker Peter Odemwingie to Cardiff for an initial £2.5m.

Head coach Steve Clarke missed out on a new loan deal for fans' favourite Romelu Lukaku and faces a tricky meeting with former record signing Shane Long after allowing the striker to speak to Hull over a £5m switch, only to pull the plug.

The Baggies confirmed the signing of Sessegnon at around 10.30pm with the down-payment believed to be £5.5m with the fee potentially rising to £6m.

They were then involved in a tug of war with Everton for Lukaku after Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho performed a last-minute U-turn to sanction a loan move.

## Two quick goals stun Glassboys

### Bedford Town 2

### Stourbridge 0

THE Glassboys fall to a disappointing defeat at the New Eyrie to slip to 8th in the league standings.

Bedford stunned Gary Hackett's men with two goals in the space of six minutes.

Dominic Lawless put away the first for Bedford then Andrew Phillips tapped one in to double the lead.

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# WOLVES MAKE LIGHT OF SAKO'S ABSENCE

### Port Vale 1 Wolves 3

**BAKARY SAKO'S absence from the Wolves squad was the big talking point prior to kick-off. By the final whistle, Kenny Jackett's side proved they can win without him.**

The combination of a fourth consecutive victory, the ruthlessness of their finishing and a rousing performance overshadowed the Sako saga.

This follows his decision not to make himself available on Saturday because he didn't feel in the right frame of mind to play after Wolves rejected Nottingham Forest's bid for him.

But the players rejuvenated by this unbeaten start to the season suggested they can succeed without him at this level.

### Claim

Carl Ikeme, Danny Bath, Richard Stearman, Zeli Ismail, Bjorn Sigurdarson, David Davis, Kevin Doyle and Leigh Griffiths all laid claim to the man-of-the-match award.

But the man who was the glue which held it all together was Kevin McDonald. He McDonald ran from 10 yards inside his own half for his goal, just like Sigurdarson, who set it up.

Meanwhile, Leigh Griffiths scored his fourth goal of the season, made the second and started the move for the third. But he further cemented his popularity with the fans by mimicking Lee Hughes' trademark goal celebration and also nutmegging the former Albion striker.

The gate of 12,601 – swelled by 4,461 Wolves fans – was the biggest league

### Wolves

attendance at Vale Park since March, 1998. And they were treated to a highly competitive derby for the first 75 minutes, when Sigurdarson put Wolves 2-0 up.

An evenly-matched goalless first half was edged by the visitors on chances.

Substitute Lee Evans, on in first-half injury-time for new-signing Scott Golbourne was the architect of the 56th minute opener.

His superb crossfield ball had Griffiths galloping away in the inside right channel and, after Carl Dickinson and Chris Robertson literally fell over themselves trying to get a challenge in, the Scot cut inside and lashed a shot inside Chris Neal's near post.

Vale's fire wasn't really extinguished until Sigurdarson volleyed home the second to convert Griffiths' right-wing centre.

Griffiths then freed Sigurdarson to scamper away down the right before unselfishly squaring for McDonald to sidefoot home after drawing Neal.

Tom Pope's far-post header two minutes into time added was a consolation but it gave the scoreline a realistic look in respect of Vale's earlier surges.



Sam Ricketts celebrates after Bjorn Sigurdarson scores Wolves' second against Port Vale

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